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MINERAL PRODUCTION SHOWS BIG INCREASE

RECORD OUTPUT FOR MINING INDUSTRY

Value of Mineral Production in Province for Year 1925 Will be Approximately, $61,491,600

All previous records for annual mineral production in the Province of British Columbia were broken during 1925, according to the preliminary estimate of the year's production just issued by the Hon. William Sloan, Minister of Mines and Provincial Secretary, and based upon figures compiled by John D. Galloway, Provincial Mineralogist. It is estimated that the total monetary value of the mineral production in the Province for the calendar year 1925 will be approximately $61,491,600.

This is a record output for the mining industry of the Province and is a large increase over the previous year of 1924 when aggregate production was valued at $48,704,604. The actual increase amounts to $12,786,896, or 26.2%. The increased output is mainly due to increased quantities of several of the products of the industry, and partly due to increased metal prices. The estimated production of the various metals and minerals for 1925 as compared with the previous year of 1924 is as follows:

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MOSUL STATEMENT BY INDIAN MOSLEMS

Caliphate Conference Opposes British Control Under League of Nations

Leaders Declare Readiness to Aid Turks in Event of War

Cawnpore, British India, Dec. 26—The annual Caliphate Conference here resolved to-day that the decision of the Council of the League of Nations in the Turco-British dispute over Mosul was in conflict with the Treaty of Lausanne, and declared that if the Turks were "driven to war" the Indian Moslems would help them.

The resolution called on the Indians not to assist the Government with men or money if hostilities should break out.

The conference also urged removal of non-Moslem control from Irak, and declared itself opposed to British intervention in the Arabian Kingdom of Hedjas.

NATIONALISTS OF INDIA NOW MEETING

In Cawnpore Congress Discusses Proposal India Leave Empire

Cawnpore, United Provinces of India, Dec. 26 (Canadian Press Cable via Reuter's)—The Indian National Congress met here to-day under the presidency of the Nationalist poetess, Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, who receved an ovation from the large crowds which greeted her on her arrival from Bombay.

Apart from the leaders, who are attired in handwoven garments, it was remarkable the majority of the crowd were dressed in mill-made cloth, testifying in a degree to the non-success of Gandhi's efforts to enforce the fashion of wearing clothes made of haddar, otherwise homespuns.

The programme for the meeting of the Congress includes proposals for Swaraj, or home rule for India, outside the British Empire; boycott of British goods and dissolution of the Swarajist Party so the National Congress itself may carry out the programme of the council on more approved lines. It is extremely doubtful whether the motions advocating complete independence and the boycott of British goods will find much support.

THREE MEN KILLED IN A DANCE FIGHT

Murders in Brooklyn Were Result of Violent Quarrel at Club

New York, Dec. 26.—Three unidentified men were shot and killed early co-day as the climax of a Christmas dance at the Adonis Social Club, a South Brooklyn resort.

The police state the men came in at midnight where dancing was going on. They were accompanied by girls and it is believed a quarrel arose between the strangers and the dancers over choice of partners. The triple crime was discovered when a policeman found one of the bodies lying in the street. He made his way to the dance hall and found the two other bodies lying amid broken furniture which had apparently been wrecked in a terrific struggle. The hall was deserted.

Residents of the neighborhood said they had neither heard shots nor any sound of a struggle.

AUTOIST WAS KILLED

Sarnia, Ont., Dec. 26.—Walter Feil of Detroit, formerly of Elmira, was killed, his brother, H. A. Feil, also of Detroit, and John Sauer of Kitchener, Ontario, were injured when the roadster in which they were driving home to Elmira for Christmas, skidded into the ditch on the provincial highway about ten miles East of here.

IDLE COAL MINERS ARE ASKED TO WORK

U.S. Operators Suggest Resumption While Wage Negotiations Continue

New York, Dec. 26.—A proposal that the striking anthracite coal miners of the United States resume work immediately under the wage scale of the last contract, pending further negotiations, was made public here to-day by the anthracite operators' conference. The proposal was addressed to the anthracite workers and their leaders.

"You can go to work now at the wage fixed in the contract that expired August 31, 1925," said the operators. "We will pay these wages until next September—eight months."

The suspension of operations in the anthracite field of the United States began September 1 last.

Flight in France Was Delayed by Fog

Le Bourget, France, Dec. 26.—Chief Pilot Hirscliffe of the Imperial Airways, who flew a British aeroplane from Marseilles, arrived here early this afternoon, setting at rest apprehensions for his safety.

From noon yesterday, when he passed over Lyons, no word had been received until his arrival today. He was forced to land at Chalons-sur-Saone in a fog last night and resumed his flight this morning.

JAPAN TO SEND FOOD SHIP TO ISLAND OF YAP

Tokio, Dec. 26.—A food shortage on the Island of Yap is reported as the result of a tidal wave and storm which swept the island December 15. The Government is preparing to send a shipload of provisions to relieve the condition.

Virtually every building along the coast of the island was damaged by the storm, but no loss of life was reported.

Pharmacologist Is Given Prize

New York, Dec. 26.—For having done more to promote human enjoyment of life than any other living United States scientist, Dr. John J. Abel, professor of pharmacology in Johns Hopkins University, has been awarded the first annual prize of the Research Corporation of America. The award is $2,500 a year.

Arthur Hammerschag, president of the corporation, said to-day the prize would be awarded annually to scientists who made their contribution freely and without the hope of reaping a monetary reward from their endeavors, as an encouragement to "pure scientific research."

"Dr. Abel's contributions have been chiefly in that difficult branch of chemistry that has to do with reactions within living bodies," Mr. Hammerschag said. "The list is very long and the titles seldom indicate their complete significance to the layman. Of special interest are his discourse with regard to the ductless glands and the illumination that he has shed on their functions."

Charge of Murder Against Woman

Toronto, Dec. 26. — Following the death last night in a hospital here of Mrs. Grace Bryant, twenty-seven, the police arrested Mrs. Marion Bettis, fifty, early this morning and later she appeared in women's court on a charge of murder. Without pleading she was remanded until December 31.

TURKISH MILITARY COUNCIL MEETS

Constantinople, Dec. 26.—The Supreme Military Council of Turkey has been convoked to meet in Angora under the chairmanship of President Mustapha Kemal. Premier Ismet Pasha and the other members of the Cabinet have been invited to attend.

TWO CHICAGO MEN FROZEN TO DEATH TO-DAY

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Two men were frozen to death and another partly frozen to-day as Chicago experienced its coldest weather of the Winter, a temperature of one degree above zero.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES DREW BIG CONGREGATIONS

Christ Church Cathedral Too Small to Accommodate Worshippers; Jubilation at St. John's

With a day of Spring-like mildness and sunshine to remind citizens of one cause for rejoicing, Christmas Day in Victoria was observed with all the time-honored festivity of tradition. The decided improvement in business conditions and the consequent lessening of poverty in the city lent a fillip to the celebrations, and there were few homes in which the festival did not bring its share of peace and goodwill. Even in the poorest home there was a measure of feasting, thanks to the generosity of more fortunate citizens whose contributions to the various organizations made the distribution of hampers possible.

For many, mindful of the sacred character of the celebration, the day commenced with attendance at one or other of the city churches, in which appropriate services were held. At an early hour the church bells rang out their message of rejoicing.

The Salvation Army band paraded through the downtown streets, bringing to many homes the message conveyed by the beautiful old familiar carols.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

Christ Church Cathedral was not large enough to accommodate the number who desired to worship at the 11 o'clock service. Extra chairs were hastily brought in, but many had to remain standing throughout the service, while others were turned away. The service was fully choral and consisted of shortened matins followed by holy communion.

The Bishop of Columbia preached the sermon. The Dean was the celebrant at communion, assisted by the Bishop and the Archdeacon of Columbia and Rev. F. H. Fatt. There were also many at the earlier communion services, the number of communicants being larger this year than last.

JOY AT ST. JOHN'S

There was a special air of jubilation about the services at St. John's Church owing to the completion of the organ debt in full, this being the last remaining debt on the church. Holy communion was celebrated at 7.15, 8 and 11 a.m., and the rector, Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick was assisted during the day by Rev. Montague Bruce, Rev. Colonel A. W. Woods and Rev. Mr. Cook. Special Christmas music was rendered at the 11 o'clock service, including the hymns, "O

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SAFEBLOWERS HAD SMALL HAUL

Moose Jaw, Dec. 26.—The safe in the office of James Duncan, an implement dealer of Pasqua, ten miles East of here, was blown Thursday and robbed of about $5 in cash. Registered Victory Bonds to the value of $700 were left on the floor of the office. The robbery was investigated by provincial police from Regina and Moose Jaw, but no trace of the burglars was found.

INDIAN COMMUNISTS DECLARE THEIR VIEWS

Meet in Cawnpore; Say Full Independence of India is Their Desire

Cawnpore, British India, Dec. 26—Indian communists gathered in conference here to-day for the first time. Hassrat Mohandi, welcoming the delegates, explained the aim of the party was complete independence, to be achieved by all fair means, but the Swaraj must take the form of a soviet republic.

Dinjara Valu of Madras, who presided, said Indian communism was not Bolshevism. The Indian Communists wanted to end the domination of capital and win Swaraj, or home rule, by educating the masses, by organizing labor and the peasants and removing by peaceful means the present economic inequality between the different classes.

ARREST OF MEN CAUSED BY CAT

Winnipeg, Dec. 26.—The strange antic of a cat in a store window here attracted the attention of four policemen Christmas Night. Entering the store, they found two men, one hiding under a pile of sacks. The men had a full set of burglar tools.

HUNTER KILLED PRAIRIE MAN

Red Deer, Alta., Dec. 26.—The body of William Annear, thirty-five or forty years old, was found in the woods near Phoenix, West of here, with the top of the head blown off. An inquest was opened at Phoenix on Wednesday before Coroner W. H. Hill and adjourned until next Tuesday for more evidence. Indications are he was shot by some hunter in mistake.

GREAT CROWDS AT FOOTBALL GAMES

Holiday Sporting Events in Old Country; Weather Unfavorable in Parts

London, Dec. 26 (Canadian Press Cable).—Bad weather prevailed in some parts of England to-day and interfered with the soccer games. The Bolton Wanderers-Manchester United and Barnsley-Nottingham matches were postponed as the grounds of the first named clubs, where the games were to be played, were unfit to play on.

Huge holiday crowds attended most of the big games. At Brentford, where the home team was meeting Millwall, the throng burst through the gates. It was estimated over 500 obtained entrance to the grounds without paying.

ENGLISH LEAGUE—FIRST DIVISION

Aston Villa 2, West Ham 0.
Bolton—Manchester United, postponed.
Burnley 6, Leeds 3.
Everton 3, Blackburn 0.
Huddersfield 1, Sunderland 1.
Leicester 2, Sheffield United 2.
Manchester City 0, Bury 2.
Newcastle 3, Liverpool 0.
Notts County 4, Arsenal 1.
Tottenham 2, Birmingham 1.
West Bromwich 3, Cardiff City 0.

SECOND DIVISION

Barnsley—Notts Forest, postponed.
Chelsea 2, Blackpool 3.
Derby County 2, Port Vale 0.
Hull City 1, Darlington 1.
Middlesbrough 4, Fulham 0.
Portsmouth 4, Stockport 0.
Preston 0, South Shields 4.

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ASKS SEATTLE PEOPLE AGAIN TO ELECT HIM

MAYOR EDWIN J. BROWN

is a candidate for re-election in Seattle. He bases his appeal to the voters on the vindication of his course indicated in the Council's defeat of a move to have impeachment proceedings against him started on allegations of an increase of vice in the Puget Sound city.

COLD WAVE VISITS EASTERN CANADA

Sixteen Below Zero in Sault Ste. Marie Region; Twelve Below in Ottawa

Toronto, Dec. 26.—Christmas festivities throughout Ontario were brought to a close last night with householders paying late visits to coal bins and furnaces as Winter's first advances were indicated by frosted window panes and cooling breezes. Following yesterday's ideal holiday weather, which enabled the youth of the province to give much time to skating, snowshoeing and other outdoor sports, the mercury made a rapid descent during the night, and this morning the first sub-zero temperatures for the majority of Ontario points were registered.

In Toronto suburban centres the thermometer recorded as low as five below zero, but in many outside towns even lower levels were reported, Sault Ste. Marie being the coldest spot in the province, with sixteen below zero, while Ottawa was a good second with twelve below.

ACCIDENTS CAUSED SCORE OF DEATHS

Tragedies in Number of Cities of U.S. on Christmas Day

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Christmas Day in the United States carried with it a rush of activities that here and there left in its wake last night a heartache.

Nearly a score of deaths from holiday accidents were reported.

Fred Von Seggern, a farmer near Norfolk, Nebraska, his wife and their two daughters were killed in a railway grade crossing accident.

In Chicago the toll taken by trains and autos during the day was six. A late Christmas Eve celebration was broken up when Connor Flynn, a

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Railway Figures Indicate Canada's Business Growth

Ottaawa, Dec. 26.—The freight traffic on Canadian railroads as a whole during October was heavier than in October 1924 by 10.8 per cent., according to figures supplied by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

The revenue ton miles during the months of September and October of this year were the greatest ever made by Canadian railroads. The earlier harvest this year advanced the movement of grain considerably.

TOTAL REVENUE

Revenues aggregated $48,722,639, an increase over 1924 of $4,369,078, or 9.9 per cent. The net operating revenue was increased $3,961,856, and the operating ratio was reduced to 65.71 per cent., the lowest since 1920. For the ten months, January 1 to October 31, net revenues were greater by $12,835,154.

C.N.R. FIGURES

On the Canadian National Railways the operating ratio during October was 69.25 per cent., the lowest since the amalgamation of the systems. The gross revenue for the month was $610,465 greater than in October, 1923, the previous high month. The net operating revenue was $17,305,836, an increase of $3,144,686 over October, 1924. Freight and passenger traffic on the Canadian National lines during October showed an increase of 26.6 and 14.8 per cent., respectively, over October, 1924.

C.P.R. HAD GAINS

The Canadian Pacific Railway during this period showed an increase of gross revenue of 1.3 per cent., or $253,376 over October, 1924. The freight traffic showed an increase by 6.1 per cent. over October, 1924.

EARNINGS INCREASE

Montreal, Dec. 26.—The gross earnings of the Canadian National Railways during the week ended December 21 last were $5,490,258, as compared with $4,251,500 during the corresponding period of 1924. The increase was $1,238,758.

KUO AND WIFE WERE KILLED BY CAPTORS

General Chang's Manchurian Troops Mutilated Both Before Shooting Them

Execution of Principal Officers of Late General's Army is Now Expected

Tokio, Dec. 26.—A special dispatch to the Asahi from Mukden says General Kuo Sung-Ling, who fled after his army had been defeated Thursday by that of Marshal Chang Tso-Lin, and his wife were captured while hiding in a cellar, and that the captors cut off Kuo's legs and his wife's arms, and then shot and killed them both.

Afterward the bodies of Kuo and his wife were decapitated.

Marshal Chang ordered their heads placed on the grave of one of his favorite generals, who had been accidentally killed.

Tokio, Dec. 26.—The Foreign Office has received advices from the Japanese consul at Mukden that General Chang Tso-Lin has refused to promise mercy or the preservation of the lives of General Kuo's principal officers. Consequently, it is feared a general execution of Chang's enemies is imminent.

The Japanese Government is doing its utmost to prevent Chang from wreaking vengeance, according to the Foreign Office, but it fears the Government's efforts will prove useless.

HOSTILITIES CEASE

Word was received from Shanghai by the Foreign Office that all of Kuo's troops had surrendered and joined General Chang's forces. In consequence the warring between the two factions, whose recent hostilities have centred around Mukden, the Manchurian capital, is believed to be finished.

The cruiser Hirato, which previously had been sent to Chin-wang-tao for the protection of Japanese nationals, was ordered to return to Port Arthur.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Resumption of service by the international train between Peking and Tientsin, disarranged for some days because of the fighting about the latter city, was disclosed in a message from Minister McMurray made public here to-day by the State Department. Commercial service had been resumed with depleted equipment, the message said.

CRIPPLED WOMAN BURNED TO DEATH

Tragedy During Fire in Minneapolis; Twenty-two Persons Rescued

Minneapolis, Dec. 26.—One woman was believed to have been burned to death and twenty-two persons were rescued by firemen in thirteen below zero weather here to-day when fire destroyed a three-story brick building.

The loss is estimated at $35,000.

Mrs. Frances Wanzer, fifty-two, a cripple, was cremated, it is believed.

THUGS BOUND A WOMAN AND BEAT HUSBAND

Saskatoon, Dec. 26—Attacked while asleep in his home with a wedge-shaped weapon, presumably an axe, some time after 10.30 last night, James E. Johnson, a railway mail clerk, was found unconscious by city police, summoned by his wife, who, although bound hand and foot, contrived to attract the attention of the long distance telephone operator by manipulating the dial with a toothpick held between her teeth.

SUICIDE IN LETHBRIDGE

Lethbridge, Dec. 26.—Just out of the Lethbridge jail, where he had served a term for theft, Joe Three Bears, a Blackfoot Indian from Browning, Montana, was found on the bank of the Old Man River here strangled to death with a piece of fence wire around his neck. He had evidently twisted the wire about his neck and slid over the bank.

CALF TRIPLETS

St. Thomas, Ont., Dec. 26.—A Durham cow owned by Angus McKenzie, South Yarmouth, Ontario, gave birth to three calves, a male and two females. All are marked alike. They are thriving.

W. Hohenzollern Sat on Private Throne at Doorn

Doorn, Holland, Dec. 26.—Wilhelm Hohenzollern, former Kaiser of Germany, preached a sermon, wore a Prussian general's uniform and sat on a throne on Christmas Day, to say nothing of sending poor families wood he had cut himself.

WINTER WHEAT IN U.S. SOARS UP NEARLY 10 CENTS

$1.86½ a Bushel, Highest Yet This Season, Paid To-day; Mills in Republic Said to Have no More Than Sixty-day Supply on Hand; Damage Reports Come From Argentina.

Chicago, Dec. 26—Shortly before the grain market here closed to-day December wheat showed a gain of nearly ten cents a bushel, having soared to $1.86½. May wheat meanwhile had climbed 6½c a bushel to $1.80⅝. These are the highest levels reached this season.

Reports of fresh damage to crops in Argentina, were at hand and talk was current that mills in the United States had as a rule no more than a sixty-day supply of wheat in their elevators.

Art Stott Shows Fine Speed And Wins Swim

Fifteen-year-old Boy Fools Veterans and Achieves Fine Win in Sixth Annual Christmas Day Swim in Open Water at Gorge; Eight Swimmers Started; Big Crowd Witnessed Event

Art Stott, a fifteen-year-old swimming marvel, swam the fastest fifty yards of his life at the pool of the Victoria Amateur Swimming Club yesterday morning and won the annual Christmas Day swim. Stott fooled all the veterans by his surprising turn of speed. His handicap, considering his improved form, was too much for any of the others to get up with him at the finishing barge.

Stott was the second swimmer to enter the water, while Tommy Wellburn, last year's winner, was the scratch man. Tommy gave the first man nineteen seconds, which is a very heavy handicap in a fifty-yard race, Tommy swam furiously but did not figure among the prize winners.

W. Robertson was second and Jackie Clyde finished third.

Nine swimmers lined up for the start but Willie McDonald forgot to bring his handicap with him, and he did not compete. He, however, had a little swimming party all by himself and went for a long swim in the Gorge.

EIGHT SWIMMERS STARTED

The starters were as follows: Art Stott, W. Robertson, Jackie Clyde, W. T. Stanyon, W. T. Barrett, Ian Hastings, Brian Hunnings and Tommy Wellburn. For the first time since the race started no girl swimmers entered.

This was the sixth annual Christmas Day swim staged by the V.A.S.C. and it was witnessed by a large crowd of spectators. Mayor Carl Pendray wa among the interested party who confined their activities at the pool to watching. The crowd was larger than at any previous swim and shows that, as a drawing card, the event is one of the best at this season of the year.

The Christmas Day swim which originated in this city, now finds "copy-cats" in other towns on the coast. It is a fine advertising stunt for a town, as the event is broadcasted all over the continent. Last year Vancouver was among the towns who adopted Victoria's novel means of advertising.

SIXTY BULGARIANS PARDONED BY KING

Sofia, Dec. 26.—King Boris has extended full pardons to sixty persons condemned to death for complicity in the conspiracy leading to the bombing of the Sveti Kral Cathedral here last April.

PRAIRIE INFLUX ABOUT TO START

Big Traffic Commences to Roll Towards Pacific Coast

Travel from the Prairie Provinces to the Pacific Coast is already well underway, with Victoria a chief objective of thousands of well-to-do farmers, according to Oliver Hollingsworth, special traveling representative of the Victoria and Island Publicity Bureau, who returned yesterday from an official tour of the Prairie Provinces.

Since November 7 Mr. Hillingsworth has visited Edmonton, Winnipeg, Saskatoon, Brandon, Regina, North Battleford, Prince Albert, Moose Jaw, Medicine Hat, Lethbridge, and Calgary. At all these points he noted the friendly feeling towards Victoria, and received hearty co-operation in his efforts to advance the interests of this city.

The city's advertising campaign had attracted general attention towards Victoria, and Mr. Hollingsworth found that civic officials in the Prairie communities considered Victoria to be in an enviable situation to have such a saleable asset as the city recerted lands have proved. In many of the cities visited the municipality owns much land through reversion, but have no means of disposing of the properties.

RUBBER DISCUSSION SOON IN GENEVA

Prices and World Distribution Are Topics; Invitation to U.S. Delegates

Geneva, Dec. 26.—Considerable interest has been stirred up in Geneva over the decision of the United States Congress to appoint a committee to investigate the world distribution of raw rubber. The opinion is voiced that the question of the world supply and distribution of raw materials will inevitably find a place on the programme of the proposed international economic conference.

Both United States delegates and Russians are to be invited to membership in the preparatory economic committee, and it now is suggested the United States as a Government may be invited to sit temporarily on the League of Nations Council Number Two. That council will act in a sort of advisory political capacity, both to the preparatory committee on the disarmament conference and to the economic conference preparatory committee.

League officials suggest that if the United States is interested in the equitable distribution of necessities like rubber, wood pulp and quinine she could profitably join with certain European countries which are likely to insist upon discussion of the subject at the Geneva conference.

CANADIANS HONORED BY FRENCH NATION

Montreal, Dec. 26.—Archbishop Mathieu of Regina, Senator F. L. Beique of Montreal and Hon. L. Athanase David, Provincial Secretary of Quebec, were named officers of the Legion of Honor in the Christmas honors granted by the Republic of France to Canadians made public here last night.

Fernand Rinfret, editor of Le Canada, Montreal, and P. E. du Tremblay, a member of the Legislative Council of Quebec province and a director of La Presse, Montreal, were named Chevaliers of the Legion of Honor.

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MAYOR'S REPORT DETAILS CIVIC MARCH AHEAD

Pendray Outlines Success of Administration in Last Year

Great Surplus Will Aid Incoming Council

Announcing that a big cash balance awaits the incoming city council Mayor Pendray has issued his customary official report to the citizens of Victoria.

Major points of the city's progress are given in this document, of which a summary follows:

To the Citizens of Victoria:

I have the honor to present the Mayor's Annual Report for the year 1925, and am indeed gratified to find myself in a position to give such a satisfactory report on the general progress we have made during the past twelve months.

FINANCE AND TAXATION

The general debt of the city has been reduced from $10,639,587 to $10,494,071, debentures paid off amounting to $195,516. The Local Improvement debt has been reduced by $211,508.

The usual bank loan authorized for the year amounted to $1,000,000, but it was not found necessary to borrow more than $720,000, which was entirely paid off on October 28. The largest amount owing the bank at any one time during the year was only $365,000, a remarkable improvement. Bank interest of $8,696 was the lowest for nearly twenty years. Interest paid taxpayers on prepaid taxes was $12,276.

The nett levy in 1925 amounted to $1,797,291, a reduction of $42,014 from 1924. Of the amount levied, 65 cents in every dollar represented debt charges.

Tax collections amounted to 95.376 per cent., as compared with 94.11 in 1924. The collection of general tax arrears steadily improves, being $218,927 compared with $199,227 in 1924.

In 1922 670 citizens prepaid taxes amounting to $198,902, and in 1925 1,530 taxpayers prepaid $456,769.

PAID FROM REVENUE

The following large expenditures have been made from revenue: Replacement and extension of water mains: Hillside, $11,148; Yates Street, $7,897; paving Douglas Street extension, $11,835; acquisition and improvement of Royal Athletic Park, $36,490; fire department equipment, $15,250; Pemberton Meadows drainage, $6,000; Spring Ridge sandpits improvements, $5,715.

HANDSOME SURPLUS

We are able to carry forward a cash surplus of over $580,000, which will reduce our requirements for the coming year.

PUBLIC WORKS

A sum of $13,600 was spent on 6,350 lineal feet of macadam trails, $13,000 was expended on sewers and surface drains, concrete sidewalks were laid at a cost of $5,752, and wooden sidewalks were replaced at a cost of $2,005. Point Ellice Bridge was repainted at a cost of $2,986, and $7,645 was required for road oiling.

Three hundred copper expansion joints were placed on the concrete flowline from Sooke, the leakage having been cut from 48 per cent. in 1922 to 12.4 per cent. at present.

ASSESSMENTS

It is evident that the present assessment roll is generally satisfactory, as the appeals were fewer than for twelve years past. The assessment on land was reduced approximately twelve per cent., and certain reductions were also made on improvements, the total reduction on the roll being $8,633,077, the net assessment being: On land, $26,208,048; on improvements, $28,056,960; total net assessment of $54,265,008.

BUILDING PROGRESS

Although no large public buildings were erected during the year, the returns indicate a very healthy state of affairs, as there was a substantial increase in the number of dwellings erected. The value of permits taken out was $542,152, and in addition $10,500 was expended on property owned by the city.

LANDS REVENUE

The revenue from the city land department amounted to $155,737, more than double the amount received in 1924. The number of lots sold increased from 44 in 1924 to 235 in 1925. The city has set aside 32 properties to take care of school requirements of the future.

HEALTHY CITY

The general health of the city maintains its excellent record. The death rate in 1925 was 10.9, the lowest recorded for many years past. The marriage rate was higher, but it is regretted that the birth rate has fallen.

PUBLIC LIBRARY

The City Library, under the able guidance of Miss Margaret J. Clay, has had a highly satisfactory year. Circulation continues to increase and the daily average is very much higher than last year.

STREET LIGHTING

The street lighting system now covers the entire city area. There are in regular service 975 arc lamps and 1,020 cluster lighting standards.

PUBLIC MARKET

The Public Market has had a satisfactory year, having attained maximum capacity with 105 stalls rented, the revenue being increased to $7,780.50.

POLICE AND FIRE

The city police continue to function in a highly satisfactory manner and Chief John Fry is to be congratulated on the high efficiency of all branches of this department. The Fire Department, under Chief V. Stewart, maintains its excellent record. Alarms attended totaled 234, and there were eighty-nine fires with loss, the total fire loss for the year being the very low sum of $28,948.

CRYSTAL GARDEN

A notable event of the year, which will add to the prosperity of the city, was the completion and opening of the Crystal Garden. This splendid Amusement Centre is a handsome addition to the many attractive features of the city and is now firmly established as a popular place of recreation.

I desire to thank all members of the City Council for their support and co-operation during the past year, and also the civic officials generally for their loyal and efficient service.

I feel deeply honored by the signal mark of confidence in my ability to administer civic affairs to the satisfaction of the citizens in my re-election by acclamation for another term.

PRAISES WORK OF LEGISLATURE FOR GOOD OF FARMERS

C. E. Whitney-Griffiths Reports Favorable Progress During Year

A circular letter from the Advisory Board of the Farmers' Institutes of British Columbia telling of the work of this body throughout the past year, and of the accomplishments at the Legislative session just closed, has been mailed to members of the Advisory Board in advance of the annual report from the Parliament Buildings. Referring to the session of the Legislature, the letter states that much had been done to benefit the agricultural industry in British Columbia.

In the estimates for the Department of Agriculture the Farmers' Institutes had a supplementary estimate of $4,000 provided, and in this way the full per capita grant will be paid for this year, according to the letter. Seven thousand dollars has been voted for the same purpose for next year. For other branches of the department $30,000 has been granted, in total.

The Women's Institutes also were given a grant of $2,000, and a special livestock buildings at Kamloops obtained a $5,000 grant. An increase in the grant of agricultural fairs has been made, and this year's sum voted is $38,000. Fifteen thousand dollars has been voted for tubercular cattle work with a supplemental figure of $15,000, according to the letter.

The letter concludes: "One thing in conclusion I am absolutely convinced that the organized farmers' movement stands to do more to bring about progress and prosperity in the life of this Province than anything else." It is signed by C. E. Whitney-Griffiths, member and secretary of the board.

MASONS WILL ATTEND ST. JOHN'S SUNDAY

Archbishop de Pencier Will Preach Sermon at Special Services

A joint service of all the city Masonic lodges will be held in St. John's Church to-morrow night at 7.30 by kind invitation of the Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick. Archbishop de Pencier, who has been recently elevated to the Primacy of British Columbia and who also holds the office of Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, will preach the sermon. Seating accommodation has been set aside for Masons and their families and will be held until 7.15.

After Christmas CLEARANCE

Four Day December Sale of Smartest Footwear

ASSEMBLED here in this After Christmas Clearance are dozens of different styles, leathers and stunning effects at prices that almost give them to you as a gift.

Sales of this kind, and right after Christmas too are unusual—as are the extremely low prices.

No time to lose—better get in while assortments are intact.

Values to $12.00 Priced at

$4.90

Wm. Cathcart Co. Ltd.

1208 Douglas Street

CITY TEMPLE HAS ELABORATE PLANS FOR SUNDAY SERVICE

Mrs. Edward Parsons Takes Place of Regular Soloist

A combination of service which will include the congregation, choir and pastor in music worship and sermon for the Christmas celebration will feature Sunday's services at the City Temple both morning and evening.

Mrs. Edward Parsons of the Metropolitan Church Choir has kindly consented to take the soprano role in place of Mrs. Arthur Dowell, who has been called to California through the illness of her mother.

Mrs. Georgina Watt, well known Victoria contralto, will sing the alto parts.

The morning music of the choir will be two carols of Walford Davies' "O Little Town of Bethlehem" and "The Blessed Birth," and Gounod's "Nazareth" and in the evening the following selections from Handel's "Messiah" will be rendered.

"Messiah" selections: Chorus, "And The Glory;" alto recit: "Behold a Virgin;" air and chorus: "O Thou That Tellest;" soprano recit: "There Were Shepherds;" "And Lo' The Angel;" "And The Angel Said," and "And Suddenly;" chorus: "Glory to God;" soprano air: "Rejoice Greatly;" alto recit: "Then Shall The Eyes;" alto air: "He Shall Feed His Flock;" and soprano air: "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth."

Special Christmas orchestral selections will be played by the Temple Orchestra under Oliver R. Stout's conductorship from 7 to 7.30 and during the service. Frederick Waddington will direct Temple choir and Mrs. F. Grace Deaville will be the accompanist. Dr. Davies' message will be: Morning—"What Are the Good Tidings?" and at night "The Epic of Christmas."

The Royal Society of St. George will hold a Christmas party Tuesday evening next, in the Conservative Club rooms, Campbell Building, commencing at 8 p.m. A musical programme has been arranged; dancing and games. This is the annual get-together party for members and their friends to extend Christmas cheer.

MINERAL PRODUCTION SHOWS BIG INCREASE

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		1924 Quantity	1924 Value		1925 Quantity	1925 Value	1925 Increase	1925 Decrease
Gold, placer,	ozs.	21,037	$ 429,750	ozs.	19,351	$ 400,000	$.....	$ 20,750
Gold, lode	ozs.	247,716	5,120,535	ozs.	214,109	4,425,631	.....	694,904
Total Gold.	ozs.	268,753	5,541,285	ozs.	233,460	4,825,631	.....	715,654
Silver	ozs.	8,341,768	5,292,184	ozs.	7,303,755	5,044,703	.....	247,481
Lead	lbs.	170,384,481	12,415,917	lbs.	236,408,000	18,581,668	6,165,751	.....
Copper	lbs.	64,845,393	8,442,870	lbs.	71,803,000	10,109,862	1,666,992	.....
Zinc	lbs.	79,130,970	4,226,741	lbs.	97,722,000	7,720,038	3,453,297	.....
Total Metalliferous			$35,958,997			$46,281,902	$10,322,905	
Coal	tons	1,939,526	$9,697,630	tons	2,329,164	$11,645,820	$ 1,948,190	.....
Coke	tons	30,615	214,305	tons	80,554	563,878	349,573	.....
Building Materials, Etc.			2,833,672			3,000,000	166,328	
Total Value of Production			$48,704,604			$61,491,600	$12,786,996	

Approximate Tonnage Treated—3,750,000 tons.

In the above table the estimated quantities of metals for 1925 are the amounts of refined metals recovered by treatment processes of the various ores, whether treated in British Columbia or outside the Province. All deductions for treatment and slag losses have therefore been made.

GOLD

The prices used in calculating the various metals are—for gold, the world's standard price of $20.67 an ounce; for silver and copper—the estimated average price of these metals on the New York market, and for lead and zinc, the average price on the London market converted to cents a pound by using the average rate of sterling exchange. In former years the New York metal market price has been used in valuing the lead production for the Province; similarly for zinc the average St. Louis price has been made. As all lead and zinc ore and concentrates are bought and sold in British Columbia on the London prices of these metals, it is considered that these prices should be used in order to obtain a correct valuation.

LEAD

The average lead price in the New York market is nearly always considerably higher than the London price, owing to the United States tariff on lead and zinc ores. The London price is the recognized world market price, whereas the New York price is an artificial one applicable only to the United States. The estimated lead production of 236,408,000 pounds, if valued at the average New York price for the year, would have a valuation of $21,418,564, or an increase of $2,836,896 as compared with the valuation given in the above production table. The average London price for the year for zinc (December estimated) is slightly higher than the St. Louis price, the difference being approximately a quarter cent a pound. By using the London price for the provincial zinc production, instead of the St. Louis price, an increase of $234,078 is obtained in the valuation.

The above production table, Mr. Sloan points out, shows that the largest increase in metal production is in lead, followed by zinc and then copper. The large increase in lead and zinc production is due to the increased output of the smelter and refinery of the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company of Canada Limited, at Trail; the bulk of the production coming from the company's Sullivan Mine at Kimberley, and the remainder from the treatment of customs ores and concentrates.

COPPER

The increased production of copper is due to increases from the Granby Company's mine, mill and smelter at Anyox, and the Britannia Company's mine at Britannia Beach, and to the commencement of operations in August of the Allenby Copper Company's mine and mill near Princeton. Offsetting these increases, there was a large decrease in copper output from the Rossland mines of the Consolidated Company, which were not producing appreciably during the year. The estimated production in 1925 shows an increase of 6,957,607 pounds, as compared with 1924. The average price of copper on the New York market for the year 1925 (December estimated) is 14.08 cents a pound, which is nearly a cent a pound higher than the average of 13.024 cents a pounds for 1924. During the year 1925 the price fluctuated considerably, going up to 14¾ cents a pound and then declining. The outlook is for a price level of about 14½ cents for the year 1926.

Mr. Sloan points out that although the production of placer gold in 1925 was slightly less than 1924, the year was a very active one in placer development and testing of low grade deposits of gravel. An interesting feature of the year's placer mining was the successful operation of the Kafue Development Company's dredge near Barkerville, which made an output of gold valued at $100,000.

Lode gold shows a decrease of $694,904 as compared with 1924. This is accounted for by a greatly decreased production from the Rossland mines, which were non-productive during most of the year.

COAL.

Mr. Sloan expressed his satisfaction at the substantial increase in coal production in 1925, as compared with 1924, the increase amounting to approximately 389,638 long tons. The large increase in output was from the Crow's Nest Pass district, where over three times as much coal was produced as in the preceding year. The mines in this district were closed during a large part of 1924 owing to labor troubles, and the output was very much less than normal. Amicable arrangements have now been made with labor, lost markets have been regained and the industry is now in a healthy condition in the Crow's Nest district. A decrease in production of coal occurred in 1925 in the Nicola-Princeton district, and a very slight decrease in the Vancouver Island district. Competition from foreign crude oil is still keenly felt by the Vancouver Island mines.

A slightly increased output of building materials is estimated for 1925, as compared with the preceding year, owing to greater activity in building and constructional work.

"It is interesting to note," said Mr. Sloan, "that the mineral industry of British Columbia has steadily increased with but few yearly setbacks. Thirty years ago, in 1895, the Province only produced minerals to the value of $5,643,042, and even ten years ago, in 1915, the production was less than half that of the present year, being only $29,447,508.

DEVELOPMENT

"The year 1925 has, however, been an important one, not only for a record production, but also for the large amount of development, exploration and prospecting that has been carried out. Production in any one year is largely the result of previous development, so that to have a healthy industry, development and prospecting must keep pace with production. It may be conservatively said that in the year 1925 a greater amount of real development has been done than in any previous year in the history of the Province, and much of this development has been satisfactory in adding substantial new ore reserves to the industry. A large number of prospects have been bought or optioned and more or less development work done on them. Prospecting has been fairly active and some new discoveries have been reported. The movement which has taken place in acquiring and developing prospects which have lain dormant for years will be a great incentive to still further prospecting next year," said Mr. Sloan.

OLD COUNTRY FOOTBALL

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Wednesday 5, Bradford City 1.
Southampton 2, Clapton Orient 0.
Stoke City 1, Swansea 1.
Wolverhampton 2, Oldham 1.

THIRD DIVISION

Northern Section

Bradford 0, Grimsby Town 1.
Chesterfield 6, Rotherham United 1.
Crewe Alex 2, Coventry City 1.
Doncaster Rovers 6, Southport 1.
Halifax Town 5, Walsall 0.
Hartlepool United 2, Ashington 1.
New Brighton 0, Nelson 0.
Rochdale 5, Durham City 0.
Tranmere Rovers 2, Accrington Stanley 2.
Wiganboro 4, Barrow 1.
Wrexham 1, Lincoln City 1.

Southern Section

Aberdare Athletic 2, Brighton and Hove 2.
Brentford 2, Millwall 0.
Bristol Rovers 7, Bournemouth 2.
Charlton A. 1, Queen's Park Rovers 1.
Crystal Palace 2, Norwich City 0.
Luton Town 5, Gillingham 3.
Newport County 3, Merthyr Town 1.
Northampton 2, Watford 2.
Plymouth Argyle 0, Exeter City 2.
Southend United 1, Bristol City 2.
Swindon Town 1, Reading 1.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE—FIRST DIVISION

Airdrieonians 0, Dundee United 1.
Clydebank 1, Hamilton 3.
Cowdenbeath 1, Celtic 1.
Falkirk 2, Partick 2.
Hearts 1, St. Mirren 0.
Morton—Aberdeen, postponed.
Rangers 0, St. Johnston 1.
Queen's Park 0, Motherwell 3.
Raith Rovers 4, Kilmarnock 5.
Dundee 1, Hibernians 4.

IRISH LEAGUE

Distillery 1, Glenavon 2.
Larne 4, Ards 1.
Queen's Island 2, Linfield 2.
Newry Town 3, Barn 1.
Glentoran 2, Celtic 3.
Portadown 0, Cliftonville 0.

OLD COUNTRY RUGBY

London, Dec. 26—Rugby results yesterday were:

RUGBY LEAGUE

Battley 10, Leeds 5.
Bramley 3, York 0.
Broughton 0, Salford 5.
Halifax-Huddersfield, postponed.
Hull 9, Hull-Kingston 4.
Hunslet 38, Featherstone 15.
Keighley 11, Bradford 5.
Oldham 8, Swinton 4.
Rochdale 19, Wigan Highfield 0.
St. Helens Rec. 3, St. Helens 3.
Wakefieldtown 20, Desbury 7.
Widnes 2, Warrington 5.
Wigan 36, Leigh 16.

RUGBY UNION

Llanelly 21, London Irish 3.
Neath 14, London Welsh 9.
Aberavon 14, Ebbvale 0.
Swansea 20, Watsonians 16.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES DREW BIG CONGREGATIONS

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Come All We Faithful," "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," "Angels From the Realms of Glory" and the "Te Deum" sung to festival setting composed by Mr. G. J. Burnett. The anthem was Stainer's "O Zion That Bringest Good Tidings."

Each of the other churches holding Christmas Day services drew large congregations, special music being sung appropriate to the season. The floral decorations were very beautiful, holly and greenery and snowy blooms being used in lavish profusion.

Christmas Day services were also held at the Jubilee and St. Joseph's Hospitals for nurses and such patients as were able to be moved.

Nearly two hundred guests participated in the Christmas dinner at the Empress Hotel last evening, many of them availing themesives of the privilege of attending the J.B.A.A. dance later. Among those who reserved tables for the dinner were: Mrs. R. Bradley, Capt. A. de Mellin, Dr. Pearse, Mr. J. Cochrane, Dr. Denton Holmes, Mrs. Lang, Major Maxwell, Major Ingledue, Col. Mackie, Mrs. Tye, Mrs. J. Gorman, Col. Wilson, Mr. Justice Gregory, Dr. Maunsell, Capt. Tanqueray, Mrs. McConnell, Messrs. McLeod, J. Murray, Bennett, G. S. Proctor, J. C. Morira, R. M. Angus, J. A. Campbell, Burchell, Emery, M. D. Mogg, D. A. Taylor, Hargrave, A. A. Ford, C. Zimmerman, Gross, F. W. Foster, F. E. Hart, A. W. Cooper, Henry Short, McCallum, Harris and others.

IMPORTANT NEWS IN THE REAL ESTATE COLUMNS OF THIS NEWSPAPER

The home is the most important factor in life. News that affects the home shares this importance.

Real Estate news is the news of homes and home ownership. It therefore ranks in importance with the vital news of the day.

Read the interesting Real Estate columns in The Classified Section. They are full of profitable and timely suggestions for those who are realizing that buying a home is buying future prosperity and contentment.

This paper's classified columns are columns of Home service.

Phone 1090. Victoria Daily Times.

BABY BECOMES DOPE FIEND—Baby Jack of Los Angeles is only seven weeks old—but he's a dope fiend. Policewoman Minnie Barton, shown above holding him, was trailing a drug peddler and found the child's mother was an addict. The drug had such a hold on the baby's system that when his mother was deprived of it he suffered intensely. Doctors are trying to find a remedy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Try the new 'Frisco steam marcel, $1, at the Beauty Saloon. It says in longer. Suite 104 Woolworth Bldg. Phone 584. ***

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Dr. Chas. A. Harding, Dentist, 311 Union Bank. Hours 9 to 5.30. Evening by appointment. Phone 7195. ***

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If you want good butter ask your grocer for Hollybrook Creamery. Quality guaranteed. ***

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The Princess Maquinna will leave Victoria at 11 p.m. on the 1st, 11th and 21st of each month. Effective October 1. ***

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Winter Schedule to Gulf Islands—The Ss. Otter will leave Victoria every Monday at 7.15 a.m., returning to Victoria Tuesday evening and leave again every Wednesday at 8 a.m. for Ganges harbor, proceeding to Vancouver Thursday, and returning arrive Victoria Saturday afternoon. ***

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Wash Sonny's rompers in Electric Washing Compound. 750 Yates St. ***

The Free Masons of Victoria and District have been invited by W. Bro. F. A. P. Chadwick to attend Divine Service at the Church of Saint John the Evangelist, on the Festival of Saint John the Evangelist, Sunday, December 27, at 7.30 p.m.

The Special Preacher will be the Most Rev. A. U. DePencier, Archbishop of New Westminster and R.W. Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

Seats will be reserved for Free Masons and their families until 7.15 p.m. No Regalia will be worn.

W. P. MARCHANT, D.D.G.M., District No. 6.

AT THE THEATRES

NO ONE DOUBLES FOR MILTON SILLS IN "WATER HOLE"

No "doubles" clutter up the water when Milton Sills has swimming stunts to perform.

During the filming of exterior scenes of "The Unguarded Hour," this week's First National attraction at the Capitol Theatre, Milton Sills, who has the starring role, has to rescue Doris Kenyon from drowning. The scene was shot in the waters of Long Island Sound, off the private bathing beach of the Commodore Benedict estate at Greenwich, Connecticut. Sills plunged into the water, fully dressed, swam a hundred yards, grabbed Miss Kenyon and swam back to shore. He did it with all the ease and grace of a professional life guard. Miss Kenyon is the featured feminine player. In the supporting cast are Claude King, Jed Prouty, Dolores Cassinelli, Lorna Duveen and Charles Beyer.

AMUSEMENTS TO-DAY

Columbia—"Sporting Life."
Capitol—"The Unguarded Hour."
Dominion—"Classified."
Coliseum—"Going Some."
Playhouse — "The Katzenjammer Kids."

"SPORTING LIFE" IS THRILLER AT THE COLUMBIA THEATRE

The contender for the championship of England is drugged on the eve of the battle!

The favorite in the annual Derby at Epsom Downs is waylaid on the way to the race!

The hero is kidnapped to prevent him from entering his horse!

The beautiful dancer is murdered mysteriously in her apartment!

Those are some of the things that make you sit up in your chair and gasp for breath during the two hours that it takes to unreel "Sporting Life," the Universal-Jewel-Maurice Tourneur production now showing at the Columbia Theatre.

"Sporting Life" is unadulterated melodrama, brought from the famous play down to the present generation, dressed up on lavish sets and elaborate scenes, and possessing a "wallop" with every turn of the camera.

It presents, in pleasantly large doses, the greatest thing possible in pictures—action, and lots of it. Maurice Tourneur, setting out deliberately to make a public-pleasing film, incorporated every kind of a spectacular and thrilling occurrence, and his results should prove to be one of the most popular and successful pictures of the year.

Marian Nixon, one of the younger generation of actresses, proves the confidence placed in her by Universal in trusting her with the leading feminine role, and lends her exquisite beauty to the part.

Bert Lytell becomes a romantic, reckless spendthrift who follows the ponies, replaces his fighting protege and licks the champion himself, and does all manner of heroic deeds which should endear him to the hearts of his army of admirers.

Cyril Chadwick, Paulette Duval, Charles Delaney, George Seigmann, Ena Gregory, Ted "Kid" Lewis and others play important roles. The story was adapted by Curtis Benton from the popular play.

TEARS AND LAUGHTER BOTH HAVE A PLACE ON COLISEUM BILL

Crowds at the Coliseum this week have laughed and laughed at the stage offering "Going Some" and shed silent tears at the touching screen presentation, "Inez from Hollywood." The farce the enlarged company offers is nothing but humor. There are eight people in the cast and everyone is a funmaker. George Brydone's younger brother, Lawrence, makes his debut with success as Will Marshall's rival in a footrace on which the cowboys have gambled everything they possess, and the troubles of Will as the college man and bogus athlete among the wild and wooly cowboys, as represented by E. Gorge Olsen and Ernie Impett, are more than mirth-provoking. The picture is one that tells of the noble self-sacrifice for a younger sister.

Next week the great pantomime, "Sindbad the Sailor," will open, and judging from the rehearsals it will be a great treat for theatregoers and a holiday week magnet.

CORINNE GRIFFITH IN NEW LAUGH FILM AT DOMINION

A new type of working girl is projected on the screen in "Classified," new First National offering starring Corinne Griffith, which is current at the Dominion Theatre.

She is the dulcet voiced creature who takes your want ad over the phone.

A refreshing exposition of how this kind of working girl lives, the influence exerted on her by her daily contact with sophistication, is presented by Miss Griffith, who ventures into new channels in projecting Babs Comet. Babs already has been immortalized in literature by Edna Ferber. Miss Griffith's characterization is full of laughs.

"WE MODERNS" IS BIG FILM FEATURE COMING TO CAPITOL

The crash of a Zeppelin in mid-air, the sound of helium gas escaping from the battered compartments, the shriek of the passengers.

It is a thrill in which patrons of the Capitol Theatre on Monday next may share, when First National's presentation of "We Moderns" will have its first local screening, showing the ever popular Colleen Moore in an English role.

The audience is taken along on the trip almost literally as guests of the producer, John McCormick, many of the most exciting shots of the panic in mid-air being taken from the angle of the audience.

The story deals with the exploits of the British stripe of flappers, where they became quite cynical and call themselves "modernists."

A London locale is provided for the plot—actually. "We Moderns" was photographed in London. Wherever it has been shown it has been pronounced one of the most colorful, moving, thrilling screen documents projected in a long time.

STARRING IN "THREE LITTLE MAIDS"

G. P. Huntley as Lord "Daisy" Cheyene and Allene Jackson as "Ada." The final performance of "Three Little Maids" will be given to-night at the Royal Victoria Theatre.

CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME ON STAGE NEXT WEEK AT THE PLAYHOUSE

"Old Mother Hubbard," the big Christmas pantomime which comes to the Playhouse Theatre on Monday next, promises to sweep Victoria show patrons with its humor, pep and music. This production, written by Reginald Hincks, is in the fullest sense of the expression, "A real knock out," and the Playhouse players undoubtedly will score heavily throughout the entire week. The performance is just one continuous laugh from the time the curtain goes up until the pantomime is over. In order to accommodate the big crowds who want to see "Old Mother Hubbard," matinees will be held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, in addition to the six evening shows during the week.

Ernie Petch, popular local actor, will appear as the amusing "Old Mother Hubbard." Reginald Hincks will be "King Carbuncle," while the role of "Sambo," the nigger, will be handled by Harold Bechtel. Other artists in the pantomime include Hugh Williamson as "Jack Hubbard"; Peggy Lewis, as "Angelica"; Marie Broadman, as "Tommy Tucker"; Eileen Bennett, "Little Bo Peep"; Audrey Bennett, "Little Miss Muffett"; Edna Herrin, "Wooden Soldier"; Frances Kelley, "Dolly"; and Florence Kelley, "Gollywog."

HAROLD BECHTEL AND ERNIE PETCH IN TITLE ROLES

Harold Bechtel and Erine Petch admirably handle the title roles of Hans and Fritz in Reginald Hincks's comedy production this week at the Playhouse Theatre. This function is a farce of the highest order, and those who have seen it have thoroughly enjoyed the performance. There is not a dull moment in the whole show, which is full of fun and excitement from start to finish.

The cast is as follows: Reginald Hincks, Ernie Petch, Harold Bechtel, Peggy Lewis, Eileen and Audrey Bennett, Hugh Williamson and Marie Broadman. Special musical numbers for the play are being given by the Playhouse orchestra, under the direction of Walter Gaskill.

Wallace Beery makes his first appearance as a screen father in Rugged Water, Joseph C. Lincoln's dramatic story of the life saving service on the New England Coast. Beery is shown as the captain of a station, and the father of Lois Wilson.

Far from objecting to being given a paternal role, Beery was more pleased than anyone else. It is his firm belief that continued screen success depends upon a player's making each succeeding characterization different from the preceding ones, and he believed that in "Rugged Water" he has a more than good opportunity.

Warner Baxter is featured with Beery, Lois Wilson and Phillis Haver, in this picture, which is a Irvin Willat's latest Paramonut production, showing this week at the Playhouse Theatre.

"KISS FOR CINDERELLA" WILL OPEN MONDAY AT THE DOMINION THEATRE

Of the varied assortment of film fare that is to be served up to local moviegoers during the coming week, none holds out greater promise of genuine entertainment than Paramount's "A Kiss for Cinderella," which opens at the Dominion Theatre next Monday.

This production brings together again the personalities that skyrocketed "Peter Pan" to such a sensational success. Here, again, we have the light, delicately wrought fantasy and whimsical humor of James M. Barrie, the expert direction and distinctive craftsmanship of Herbert Brenon and the elfin charm and sensitive acting of Betty Bronson.

But unlike "Peter Pan," "A Kiss for Cinderella" is realistic in theme and modern in setting and background. The story centres around a poor little London slavey, whose unshakable belief that some day she will be invited to a magnificent ball, where a Prince will choose her as his Princess, helps her to endure her drab surroundings and lighten her menial tasks.

A classified advertisement is a tireless work-hunter — and seldom fails.

WHO IS MARCEL GRANDJANY?

Famous Harpist Touring Canada

Who is Marcel Grandjang; the French harpist, and what are his accomplishments? Here is an interesting picture of this celebrated man accounted one of the greatest musicians of the present day. His age is thirty-four and when a mere child he showed a predilection for that royal instrument—the harp. He also played the organ so well that he was asked at one time to become organist at the cathedral of Montmartre, but the harp remained his chosen instrument. He has, too, a big list of prizes and decorations to his credit. In 1905 he carried off first prize at the Paris Conservatoire for harp; was soloist in 1909 with the famous "concerts—Lamoureux;" professor of harp at the great "Fontainebleau School of Music," and is a member of the jury of the "Conservatoire National a Paris." He has played with many of the leading orchestras of the world, and his first American appearance at the New York Aeolian Hall called forth the most rapturous manfiestations of a large and fashionable audience. He has played in some of the cities of our own Dominion, where he met with instant success, amid abounding acknowledgments of his beautiful art. He composes, too, with consummate grace, and in the harmonious culture of his higher gifts. It is no wonder then that local expectations are unusually aroused at the announcement that Marcel Grandjany is to give a harp recital here on January 11 at the Crystal Garden, and this, combined with the special engagement of Marion Copp, the popular Toronto contralto, to sing, will make the event one of the outstanding musical affairs of the present season.

MAN TORTURED WOMAN; POLICE HUNTING HIM

San Francisco, Dec. 26.—A dispatch from Mercer, southeast of here, says Mrs. Charles Sibley, forty, living on a ranch south of there, was bound to a chair by a masked man, who stripped her to the waist and burned her back and shoulders with a hot poker to force her to divulge the whereabouts of a letter she had received.

The woman said the man found the letter and left.

The woman was released from the bonds by her five-year-old child. When her husband came home he found her in a faint. She will recover.

Police are looking for the man.

Movie Discussion In Old Country

London, Dec. 26—Britain continues to make a lively issue of the ascendancy of United States films in the British Isles. The recent adverse vote of movie theatre owners on the question of making compulsory the exhibition of a fixed proportion of British films in British houses has, however, thrown a new light on the problem and halted action.

That the British exhibitors would prefer British films if they were equal to United States films and they had good drawing power was made perfectly clear. The men who own theatres have indicated plainly that the compulsory exhibition of British films would in their opinion lessen the receipts of film houses.

CENTENARIAN DIED

Pau, Dec. 26.—The palm for span of life and length of service went to Nava Carlotte, who was born in Mexico in 1815 and died yesterday in the village of Escourt. At the age of 110 years she was still serving as a domestic in the household of descendants of the family for which she originally worked. She entered the service of this family in Mexico in 1825, followed its members to France and remained with them until her end.

Germans May Join Club in London

London, Dec. 26.—Since the Locarno reconciliation there has been considerable talk of "burying the hatchet" at the exclusive St. James Club and inviting the German delegates in London to become members. There have been hints that an invitation may be extended to the Germans sometime early in the new year.

Some members of the St. James, which is the diplomats' club par excellence of London, have not quite made up their minds, however, that this would be the proper step just yet, although the majority are said to favor German membership as part of the new spirit of peace for Europe which Sir Austen Chamberlain, Foreign Secretary, has introduced into international politics.

NEW AIR RECORD

London, Dec. 26.—Loaded with Christmas mail for the British army in Germany and with passengers for Belgium, a plane of the Imperial Airways flew from the Croydon aerodrome to Brussels on Thursday in eighty-five minutes, covering the 200 miles at an average speed of 141 miles an hour. This is a cross-channel record for this service. The plane had a strong following wind.

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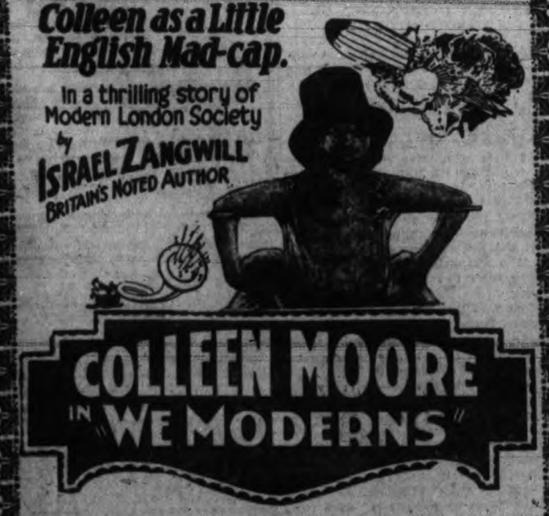

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BUSINESS AND HEALTH GOOD

NEWSPAPER READERS IN VICTORIA noted two items on Christmas eve with considerable satisfaction. One informed them that local financial health was excellent and the other told them that the physical health of the community was equally robust.

In terms of bank clearings we learned that for the week ending at noon on Thursday our turnover had amounted to the gratifying total of $2,166,932 in comparison with $1,520,444 for the corresponding week of 1924. This is an increase of nearly forty-five per cent.—a showing of which Victoria may be justly proud. The report of the city's Medical Health Officer indicates that the death rate for 1925 will be the lowest recorded here for many years.

These two items of news represent excellent advertising material. The clearing house report is indicative of a form of progress which should be of special interest to those who may be thinking of coming to Victoria to make their homes here. It signifies favorable conditions and appeals alike to businessman and private citizen. A clear bill of health in the form of a very low death rate and an almost complete absence of serious disease is a civic asset of incalculable value.

Other Christmas presents no doubt brought their own particular forms of satisfaction. But we feel sure that newspaper readers in the city were especially pleased when they read the evidence of good business—much better than last year—and good health. This news promises well for 1926.

OUR MINERAL PRODUCTION

SOME TIME AGO THE PROVINCIAL Minister of Mines was hopeful that British Columbia's mineral production for 1925 would very nearly if not quite reach the $60,000,000 mark. With fuller detail now in his possession he is able to declare that by the end of the present month the total will have reached nearly $62,000,000.

In point of value as compared with 1924, when the output was worth $48,704,604, the result of this year's operations is most gratifying. But the report is more important still because it informs the investing and general public of this Province's progress in the business of developing its virtually unscratched mineral wealth.

Only a few years ago the annual turnover from British Columbia's mines was less than a quarter of the value of the 1925 production. While war's necessity was responsible to some extent for the more active operations of the early part of the last decade, activities during the recent normal years show that this Province is now well on the way to a much greater capitalization of its mineral assets.

It may not be that every enterprise embarked upon leads to an eldorado. Many indicate excellent possibilities only to disappoint their promoters afterwards. But the fact remains that every year is producing new evidence of what the future holds in this respect. As expansion takes place, moreover, fewer people will be taken in by schemes that do not bear up under careful examination.

STEPPING CAUTIOUSLY

NOT VERY LONG AGO A CONSERVative contemporary warned us that British Labor had been almost completely won over to protection. It was pointed out with not a little glee that the Safeguarding of Industries Act was proving a good deal more than the thin end of the wedge for a thorough overhauling of the fiscal policy of Britain. It would not be long, we were seriously informed, before the economic transformation of the Old Country would be an accomplished fact—with the "remnants" of the old Free Trade guard scattered before a fiscally enlightened public opinion.

This was, of course, a case of the wish being father to the thought. A few articles have been "safeguarded" by the Act in a provisional way; but in practically every case it will be found that this is an experimental procedure and destined to see whether a more systematic method of production of some articles in Great Britain can actually break something approaching a monopoly enjoyed by foreign producers for many years past. This was the origin of the measure; but as soon as there is any disposition on the part of the Government to expand, Laborites and Liberals will fight it strenuously.

Mr. Baldwin's majority may be sufficient to carry certain proposals of this nature which are now before the Cabinet. Yet he is too astute a politician, particularly after his experience in 1923, to look upon that majority as a safeguard for any step he may take towards a material alteration of the country's fiscal policy. He will be more careful than ever now that the Board of Trade recommendation in respect of the iron and steel industry—one of the most depressed of Britain's manufacturing enterprises—was unfavorable to the imposition of new duties and thus compelled him to refuse it the protection it asked.

The committee to safeguard the Safeguarding of Industries Act reported against any attempt to protect this extensive industry, partly, for one thing, because it would savor too much of a general tariff—"against which the Ministers expressed opposition in their election pledges." Mr. Baldwin thus got very definite instructions.

THE BOYS' PARLIAMENT

NEXT MONDAY WILL WITNESS THE commencement of the third session of the Older Boys' Parliament of British Columbia. From various parts of the Province these youthful debaters will come to Victoria and take their seats in the Assembly Chamber only recently vacated by the people's representatives who make the laws of the Province.

The Older Boys' Parliament is more than a mock parliament. At each session many questions of vital interest to the youth of the Province are discussed with a full appreciation of their importance. The annual gathering takes the form of a careful survey of the many activities which serve youth in an educational way. And not a few first-class suggestions have come from the boy members of this unique Legislature. Nor are they afraid to wade into the deeper sea of controversy if by so doing a useful purpose is to be served. In this way, in fact, they are actually equipping themselves for service in the wider field that will be open to them as they emerge from the classroom to engage in the sterner battle of life.

It should be noted that the session which opens on Monday may be attended by the members of the general public, who, from the galleries, of course, will be able to engage in an interesting comparison between the decorum and tone of debate to which they will listen and the manner in which their paid representatives comport themselves in the artistic buildings over the Bay.

THE SPECTATOR

ALTHOUGH WE MAY SEEM FAR REmoved from the sphere of influence which The London Spectator exercises, it is gratifying to learn that that fearless journal, so long ably edited by Mr. J. St. Loe Strachey and his prominent journalistic associates, will maintain its independent policies and continue to work for still more cordial international relations.

Under the new editorship of Mr. Evelyn Wrench the self-governing Dominions of the British Empire are certain of the consistently fair treatment in all comment which they always were accorded by the editorial pen of Mr. Strachey. It was Mr. Wrench, indeed, who applauded Premier King for his historic declaration on the "three alternatives" which faced Canada in connection with Empire relationships. His lucid explanation of that speech and his complimentary references to Mr. King's straightforwardness completely subdued those commentators who chose to read things into the utterance that were not there.

Both Mr. Wrench and Mr. Strachey understand Canadian affairs better than most public men in Britain, their occasional visits to this Dominion and to the United States having furnished them with the point of view which plays such an important part in the excellent relations between us and our neighbor. They likewise recognize the interpretative role which Canada plays in the scheme of Anglo-Saxon dealings and appreciate its value to the fullest extent. From this angle, therefore, the change in the editorship of The Spectator is of some interest to the people of this country.

WHAT OTHER PAPERS SAY

THE VALUE OF TIME

From The Kansas City Star

What does the average reckless motorist do with the six minutes he saves? In his time so valuable that every minute counts. Ask his wife, or his employer or some friend. Any one of them will laugh at the question. He may lie in bed a few minutes later in the morning. He may dawdle over his dressing or his breakfast. He may have a little extra gossip when he arrives at his work. But of one thing you may be sure. He never does anything of the slightest importance with the six minutes. All he does with it is to contribute to the long list of motor accidents that rolls up every year. All he does with it is to help maim or kill innocent persons—and occasionally himself.

WORDS OF WISE MEN

It is not a lucky word, this same IMPOSSIBLE; no good comes of those that have it often in their mouth. —Carlyle.

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The noblest character is stained by the addition of pride. —Claudianus.

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As evil gain equals a loss. —Syrus.

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Prosperity can change man's nature; and seldom is any one cautious enough to resist the efforts of good fortune. —Refus.

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Men seldom, or rather never, for a length of time and deliberately, rebel against anything that does not deserve rebelling against. —Carlyle.

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In life it is difficult to say who do you the most mischief, enemies with the worst intentions, or friends with the best. —Bulwer-Lytton.

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Things forbidden have a secret charm. —Tacitus.

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Night hath a thousand eyes. —Lyly.

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Silence is the genius of fools, and one of the virtues of the wise. —Bonnard.

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There is a tide in the affairs of men,
Which taken at the flood, leads on to fortune;
Omitted all the voyage of their life
Is bound in shallows, and in miseries.
—Shakespeare.

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A picture is a poem without words. —Cornificus.

M.P.P.'S IN ONTARIO PREPARE FOR SESSION

Discussion of Liquor Question Probably Will be Forced by Opposition

Toronto, Dec. 26.—At present the Ontario Government proposes to bring down no very controversial legislation during session of the legislature which is to open February 10.

The date set is about the usual time for the meeting of the Legislature. It is expected to finish before Easter.

The Government has not yet completed its legislative programme and some measures of great public interest may yet be contained which at present have not yet been announced.

LIQUOR QUESTION

A number of the members of the Legislature expect some action on the temperance question. They claim the 4.4 per cent. beer measure has pleased nobody and that it has been a dismal failure as a revenue producer. However, not a word has come definitely from the Government on this matter, and it is taken for granted the Government has no present intention of changing the legislation. A debate on the matter, however, it is believed, will be forced by a private member of one of the opposition groups. Those in close touch with politics believe the question will come up in that way. Both W. E. Sinclair, Liberal leader, and W. E. Raney, Progressive leader, have been attacking the Government on its temperance programme and will probably continue their attack in the House itself.

NEW TAXATION

There may be some kind of new taxation. It has been announced by Cabinet ministers that the automobile license fees and gasoline taxes will not be reduced. There will be another attempt at greater economy of controllable expenditures and some of the estimates probably will be reduced.

The special committee on agriculture will have a report for the House, as well as some concrete suggestions for improvement in the farming industry.

Canadian Questions and Answers

CANADA AND THE OPIUM TREATY

Q. What is Canada's connection with the Opium Treaty?

A. Canada was the first country to ratify the Opium Treaty drawn up under the League of Nations and framed by a committee of the League. It represents the first international agreement to curtail and control the growing traffic in deleterious drugs that is claiming an ever increasing number of victims.

"THE DEAD CHRIST"

Q. Why is the picture called "The Dead Christ"?

A. The National Gallery of Canada has secured a large painting entitled "The Dead Christ," by Paul Veronese. It contains a life size picture of Christ and several typical Veronese child pictures, besides several other life-size figures. It is regarded as a most valuable addition to the Ottawa collection.

The WEATHER

Daily Bulletin Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 26.—5 a.m.—The barometer is rising over Northern B.C. and fair, colder weather is becoming general on the Pacific Slope. Zero temperatures prevail in the prairies.

Reports

Victoria—Barometer, 30.29; temperature, maximum yesterday, 49; minimum, 42; wind, 10 miles N.; rain, trace; weather, foggy.

Vancouver—Barometer, 30.30; temperature, maximum yesterday, 48; minimum, 40; wind, calm; weather, foggy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.32; temperature, maximum yesterday, 48; minimum, 34; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 30.22; temperature, maximum yesterday, 56; minimum, 46; wind, 20 miles S.E.; rain, .06; weather, fair.

Estevan—Barometer, 30.22; temperature, maximum yesterday, 50; minimum, 44; wind, 4 miles E.; weather, clear.

Tatoosh—Barometer, 30.20; temperature, maximum yesterday, 48; minimum, 46; wind, 32 miles E.; weather, clear.

Portland, Ore.—Barometer, 30.22; temperature, maximum yesterday, 48; minimum, 34; wind, 4 miles N.W.; weather, foggy.

Seattle—Barometer, 30.24; temperature, maximum yesterday, 42; minimum, 38; wind, 4 miles N.; weather, foggy.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.12; temperature, maximum yesterday, 52; minimum, 40; wind, 14 miles N.; weather, clear.

Calgary—Temperature, maximum yesterday, 38; minimum, 18; snow, trace.

Swift Current—Temperature, maximum yesterday, 14; minimum, 6; snow, .2.

Edmonton — Temperature, maximum yesterday, 16; minimum, 2; snow, .6.

Winnipeg — Temperature, maximum yesterday, 6 below; minimum, 20 below; snow, trace.

Temperatures

	Max.	Min.
Victoria	49	42
Vancouver	48	40
Barkerville	36	..
Penticton	38	..
Medicine Hat	20	10
Qu'Appelle	0	—20
Regina	2	—16
Toronto	37	12
Ottawa	28	8
Montreal	28	8
St. John	32	12
Halifax	30	18

SAVING OF PUBLIC FUNDS SUGGESTED

Toronto, Dec. 26—According to officials of the Amputation Funds Association, who have placed their views in the form of lengthy resolutions before the Federal Government, a saving of public funds estimated at as much as $3,000,000 annually could be made by the Federal Government and turned into enterprises which would help the disabled war veterans materially if the Government were to merge the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment and the Pension Commission of Canada.

The saving of public funds would be brought about by the discharge from the Government's employ of highly paid salaried officials who are administering department branches in different cities of the country, it is claimed, while it is argued ninety per cent of the work being done by the department relates to pensions.

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INDIAN HEAVY WINS

Portland, Me., Dec. 26.—Leo Gates, the Indian heavyweight of Adams, Mass., scored a clean cut win over Jack Ward, negro, of Montreal, at the Arena yesterday afternoon, in a bout that was replete with action. Although the newspapermen gave only one round of the twelve to Ward, the latter fought hard all the way but was outclassed.

Elzear Rioux, of Montreal, knocked out Yusseff Pearlstein, of New York, in the second round of the semi-final. This pair also are heavyweights.

LOST HIS TOE NAIL

New York, Dec. 26. — Mickey Walker, world's welterweight champion, underwent an operation to-day necessitated by a toe infection.

The operation involved the removal of the entire toe nail, which had frequently caused Walker trouble.

The champion will be laid up for a week, but expects to resume training at the end of that time in preparation for defending his title against Tommy Milligan of England here on January 22.

SEEK TO SAFEGUARD BRITISH CUTLERY AND GLOVE MAKERS

Knives Made at Sheffield Before Julius Caesar Landed

German Competition Now Too Keen For English Industry

Five committees which have inquired into the applications for duties on imports under the procedure for the safeguarding of industries, the British term for a protective tariff, have issued their reports to the British Board of Trade. They have recommended that cutlery, packing and wrapping papers, gloves, gas mantles and aluminum hollow-ware shall be protected by increased duties, according to information just received by the Bankers' Trust Company from its British Information Service.

The committee which investigated the application of the cutlery industry placed on record the historical fact that knives were made in Sheffield when Julius Caesar landed in Kent, and that the trade has ever since been carried on in that town. In 1913 the cutlery industry employed 11,080 workers and in 1924 only 7,697. The Sheffield cutlery makers have felt keenly the competition of German manufacturers. The committee found that the German manufacturers had a preferential railway rate for export goods amounting to one per cent. of their value, received a remission of the turnover tax of two and a half per cent. on the goods exported and paid a reduced amount for social insurance. They also found that the rate of wages paid by German manufacturers was lower than that paid by British manufacturers, and that German operatives worked longer hours. The committee therefore recommended a duty of thirty-three and one-third per cent., ad valorem, for a period of at least five years to apply to knives, scissors, safety and other razors, carving forks, and the handles, blades and blanks for such articles.

The committee dealing with the manufacture of gloves also recommended a duty of thirty-three and one-third per cent., ad valorem, for at least five years on imports into Great Britain, on leather gloves, whether finished or cut out ready for sewing, and also on cotton gloves. The committee did not recommend any safeguarding duty on gloves made of silk or artificial silk.

In addition to the revision of the duties a recommendation was made that all articles of cutlery and leather gloves should be clearly marked as manufactured abroad. The committee found that British manufacturers were also handicappped by high costs of distribution, in some instances the retail price was double that of the manufacturer's selling price. They found it to be the custom of wholesale distributing houses to impose a flat rate of profit on gloves, and then in addition the retailer added a percentage much higher than that of the wholesaler. This practice was regarded as detrimental to the interests of the manufacturer.

The steel industry is agitating at the present time the necessity of some safeguarding arrangement.

POPULAR YOUNG ATHLETE PASSES

Robert Collison Died To-day After Long Fight For Life

After a plucky fight against an illness that has confined him to his bed for months, Robert Cecil Collison, well-known local athlete, twenty-one years of age, passed away early this morning at the Jubilee Hospital. Scores of young friends and school chums in the city will mourn the loss of a bright young sportsman who won popularity and friendship wherever he was known.

For many months past Bob, as he was familiarly known, had been confined to bed, so that his passing was not altogether unexpected. Word of his death, however, was a shock to many to-day who believed him to be on the road to recovery after a plucky fight.

Mr. Collison was educated in Victoria. He was a student at the Victoria High School, the Oak Bay High School, and later the Victoria College. At all of these institutions he was a well-known figure on field and in the gymnasium, for he was a rugby player of ability and a basketball star.

Besides the host of friends, he leaves to mourn his loss his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Collison, the Uplands; a sister, Katherine, and three brothers, Herbert, Clifford and Noel.

Arrangements for the funeral will be announced later, and the remains are reposing at the B.C. Funeral Home today.

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CHURCH IN QUEBEC DESTROYED BY FIRE

Christmas Candle Believed to Have Caused Outbreak at Ste. Agathe

Ste. Agathe, Que., Dec. 26. — The Parish Church of Ste. Agathe de Lotbiniere was destroyed by fire Christmas Day. The Sacred Host was saved and few pieces of furniture were carried from the vestry.

As soon as the alarm was given, Rev. Father Turcotte, the parish priest, entered the smoke-filled building from the rear, through the vestry, which was then still untouched by the fire, and at the risk of his life rescued the vessels containing the Sacred Host.

The fire is believed to have been caused by the fall of one of the lighted candles which were burning near the Christmas crib.

The Ste. Agathe church was built more than sixty years ago and was of stone construction.

STEPHEN LEACOCK

OLD PROVERBS MADE NEW

The Time Has Come for a 1925 Edition, With Amendments and Annotations

It has occurred to me that somebody in the English department of our colleges ought to get busy and rewrite our national proverbs. They are all out of date. They don't fit any longer. Indeed, many of them are precisely the converse of existing facts.

Our proverbs have come down to us from the days of long ago; days when the world was very primitive and very simple and very different; when people never moved more than a mile and a half from home and were all afraid of the dark; and when wisdom was handed out by old men with white whiskers, every one of whom would be "retired" nowadays by any first-class board of trustees as past the age-limit of common-sense.

But in those days all the things that were said by these wise old men, who had never seen a motor car, were gathered up and called proverbs and repeated by all the common people as the last words of wisdom. The result is that even to-day we still go on repeating them, without realizing how hopelessly they are off the track.

Take as a first sample the proverb that is perhaps the best known in our language:

BIRDS OF A FEATHER FLOCK TOGETHER

But they don't. Ask any first-class naturalist. If the wise old men had taken another look, they would have seen that the last thing birds ever want to do is to flock together. In ninety-nine cases out of a hundred they keep away from their own species, and only flock when it is absolutely necessary. So much for the birds.

But the proverb is really supposed to refer to people and then it is wrong again. People "of a feather" do not flock together. Tall men fall in love with little women. A girl with a beautiful fair skin and red hair marries a man who looks like a reformed orang-outang. A professor makes a friend of an auctioneer and a banker would rather spend a day with an Adirondack fishing-guide than with a whole vaultful of bankers. Burglars during the day-time go and read in the Public Library. Forgers in their off time go and sing in a choral society, and choral leaders when they are not singing shoot craps.

In short, there is nothing in the proverb whatsoever. It ought to be revised under the modern conditions to read:

Birds of any particular feather and persons of any particular character or occupation show upon the whole a disposition rather to seek out something dissimilar to their own appearance and nature than to consort with something homologous to their own essential entity.

In that shape one has a neat, workable proverb. Try another:

A ROLLING STONE GATHERS NO MOSS

Entirely wrong again. This was supposed to show that a young man who wandered from home never got on in the world. In very ancient days it was true. The young man who stayed at home and worked hard and tilled the ground and goaded oxen with a long stick like a lance found himself as he grew old a man of property, owning four goats and a sow. The son who wandered forth in the world was either killed by the cannibals or crawled home years afterwards doubled up with rheumatism. So the old men made the proverb.

"People 'of a feather' do not flock together. Tall men fall in love with little women."

But nowadays it is exactly wrong. It is the rolling stone that gathers the moss. It is the ambitious boy from Honkville, Indiana, who trudges off to the city leaving his elder brother in the barnyard and who later on makes a fortune and founds a university. While his elder brother still has only the old farm with three cows and a couple of pigs, he has a whole department of agriculture with great sheds full of Tramworth hogs and a professor to every six of them. In short in modern life it is the rolling stone that gathers the moss. And the geologists say that the moss on the actual stone was first started in exactly the same way. It was the rolling of the stone that smashed up the earth and made the moss grow.

Take another proverb:

ALL IS NOT GOLD THAT GLITTERS

How perfectly ridiculous! Everybody in the days in which we live knows—even a child knows—that all is gold that glitters. Put on clothes enough, appearance enough, pretence enough, and you will be accepted everywhere. Just do a little glittering and everybody will think you are gold. Make a show, be a humbug, and you will succeed so fast that presently, being very wealthy and prominent, you will really think yourself a person of merit and intellect.

In other words, the glitter makes the gold. That is all there is to it. Gold is really one of the most useless of all material objects. Even now we have found no real use for it, except to fill our teeth. Any other employment of it is just glitter. So the proverb might be revised to read:

Every thing or person may be said to stand in high esteem and to pass at a high value provided that it or he makes a sufficient show, glitter, or appearance, the estimation being in inverse ratio to the true quantitative measurement of the reality of it, them or her.

That makes a neat workable proverb, expressed with up-to-date accuracy.

Or here is another famous proverb that is exactly the contrary of truth:

PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN GLASS HOUSES OUGHT NOT TO THROW STONES

Not at all. They are the very people who ought to throw stones and to keep on throwing them all the time. They ought to keep up such a fusillade of stones from their glass house that no one can get near it.

Or if the proverb is taken to mean that people who have faults of their own ought not to talk of other people's faults, it is equally mistaken. They ought to talk of other people's faults all the time so as to keep attention away from their own.

But the list of proverbs is so long that it is impossible to do more than make a casual mention of a few others.

One swallow does not make a Summer. Perhaps not. But there are ever so many occasions when one swallow—just one single swallow—is better than nothing at all. And if you get enough of them, they do make a Summer.

Charity begins at home. Perfectly absurd. Watch any modern city householder when a beggar comes to his door. Charity begins with the Federated Charities Office, or with the Out-of-Work Mission; or with the City Hall, or if need be, with the Police Court—in short, anywhere but at home. Our whole effort is now to keep charity as far from home as possible.

Even a worm will turn at last. Wrong. It turns at once, immediately. It never waits.

A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush. Yes, but a bird in a good restaurant is worth ten of either of them.

There—that's enough. Any reader of this paper may go on having fun with the other proverbs. I give them to him.

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OBITUARY

The death took place at an early hour this morning at St. Joseph's Hospital of Mr. Lionel Pawcett Warden, third son of the late Capt. George Archibald Warden, late of the Nineteenth and Sixty-sixth Regiments, now known as the West Yorks and Berkshire Regiment. The late Mr. Warden was fifty-eight years of age and was born in Berchey Park, Rathvelly, Ireland. He had been a resident of Metchosin for the past twenty-five years. The late Mr. Warden is survived by one brother, Mr. Q. D. H. Warden of 526 Rithet Street; also three nephews, Messrs. Richmond, Quinton and Robert Little, in England. He was very popular and leaves a host of friends to mourn his loss both in Metchosin and in this city. The funeral will take place on Tuesday, December 29, at 2 o'clock, from the Sands Funeral Chapel, and the remains will be laid to rest in the family plot at Ross Bay Cemetery.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Alice Martha Glover, who passed away at the family residence, 2307 Howard Street, last Wednesday, will take place on Monday at 2 o'clock from the Sands Funeral Chapel. Lieut.-Colonel H. J. N. de Salis will officiate. The late Mrs. Glover was born in Barrie, Ontario, thirty-eight years ago, and has been a resident of this city for the past seven years. She is survived by her husband, Mr. Edward Glover, one son and one daughter; also her mother, Mrs. Annie Braden, at home, and one brother, Mr. A. W. Braden, in Vancouver. Interment will take place in the family plot at Ross Bay Cemetery.

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Excellent reports on the progress being made on the plans for both elevators to be built in Victoria have been received by C. P. W. Schwengers, president of the Victoria Chamber of Commerce. That the Panama Pacific Grain Terminals Limited elevator at Ogden Point will be erected in time for the 1926 crop is the assurance Mr. Schwengers received in Vancouver from A. J. Gibson, director of the company, who is now in Vancouver from Saskatoon. Subscriptions for shares in the enterprise are being taken up better than was expected. An invitation will be extended by the Chamber of Commerce to Mr. Gibson to address the annual meeting which will be held early in January.

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WOMAN SECRETARY—For the first time in 100 years a speaker of the House of Representatives at Washington has a woman for a secretary. The speaker's secretary, be it known, has to be a person of uncommon tact, diplomacy and executive ability. Miss Mildred Reeves (above), is Nicholas Longworth's "right hand man." She has as important a job as any woman in Washington.

NEWS IN BRIEF

At St. Paul's Garrison Church, Esquimalt, the usual Christmas carol service will be held at evensong tomorrow.

The sergeants' and men's messes, First Battalion (Sixteenth Battalion C.E.F.), Canadian Scottish, will be at home on Friday, January 1, from 3 to 5 p.m.

St. Mark's Badminton Club entertained the Cornwall Badminton Club in a tournament on Tuesday evening, December 15. Some good games were played and the result was a draw.

Provincial Mineralogist J. D. Galloway will be the speaker at the Kiwanis Club luncheon on Tuesday at the Chamber of Commerce. He will deal in general terms with the mines and minerals of the Province. The Kiwanis orchestra will provide the musical entertainment.

Fourteen days after leaving Southampton, a large British mail arrived at the Postofice this morning, setting a record for speed at the Christmas season. The consignment left Southampton on December 12 and includes forty-nine sacks of letters and fifty sacks of parcels.

A meeting of the Ward 1 Ratepayers will be held in the Cedar Hill School on Tuesday, December 29, at which Councillor H. O. Kirkham will bring up important questions for discussion. Matters of interest to the taxpayers will be considered, and the meeting is being called under the auspices of the ward association of ratepayers.

In connection with the forthcoming recital of the Schubert Club of Victoria, to be held Tuesday, January 12, in the Memorial Hall, Mrs. F. X. Hodgson, well known and prominent contralto soloist of Vancouver, has been engaged to assist on the programme. Mrs. Hodgson was a gold medalist in the last musical festival and possesses a voice of exceptional beauty, together with a most pleasing personality. This will be Mrs. Hodgson's first appearance in Victoria and the Schubert Club are very fortunate in securing the services of so gifted an artist.

The president of the Ladies' Aid of St. Andrew's Cathedral wishes most gratefully to thank all those who so very generously helped them to fill forty Christmas boxes for the poor, including those who gave to the collection at the church door; the Catholic Women's League; all the merchants who sent meat, groceries, bread, cake and cheques; little David and Betty for their contribution, and also the ladies who worked so hard in collecting for and packing the boxes.

Some of the beautiful Christmas holly grown by F. B. Pemberton which has been shipped to all parts of Canada and the United States to put the finishing touch to the Yuletide season, came as an acceptable gift to The Times staff. Heavily covered with rich red berries the holly fitted perfectly into decorative schemes. As in former years the beautiful Victoria holly has been shipped in carloads from this city and even then the supply has not been equal to the demand. Mr. Pemberton's shipments of holly have formed the subject of many articles which have helped in advertising Victoria.

MR. GLORIA SWANSON—BEG PARDON, MARQUIS FALAISE—IS IN BUSINESS FOR HIMSELF NOW

New York, Dec. 26. — "Hank" de la Falaise, business man.

"Hank" de la Falaise, otherwise known as the Marquis Henri de la Falaise de la Coudraye, best known as the husband of Gloria Swanson, works!

"Hank" is to become a publisher of French authors.

"There are many authors of the present generation in France who are writing worth-while books," he declared, "but who are not known outside France. It is my purpose to bring them to the attention of other people, for the benefit of both and, incidently, for some profit to myself."

"Hank" has formed business connections with Bernard Grasset, French publisher, and has obtained publishing and motion picture rights to the productions of more than sixty French authors. He will operate as co-publisher with Grasset.

RIGHTS TO DUSE

Among the books which he expects to produce here, in translation, are the memoirs of Eleanora Duse. He also has rights to the works of a young writer, Raymond Radiguet, who died recently after writing only three books. These books, however, have been hailed by Paris critics as among the great.

This business adventure of the marquis is not a leap in the dark. He was in business before coming to America. Just after the war he opened an insurance office in Paris. After his marriage he did not close this office. It is now being operated by his partner, and is bringing in substantial returns. His firm also is a Paris agent for Lloyds.

"On a previous trip to this country I found that, except for a few of the most famous and some of the almost infamous authors, it was impossible to obtain French literature in this country," he said.

DON'T ADVERTISE

"French publishers are partly responsible for this. They do not advertise. Publishing is not purely a commercial venture in France, but is taken up from the standpoint of supporting the art of writing."

But the same restrictions will not hold here. The marquis intends to advertise.

For the present he has a small office, large enough for a desk, a telephone and a quantity of books. These books must all be read, synopsized and translated. And the work is going to be done, for the time at least, by the marquis himself.

"I intend to read each book, and see whether it is worth publishing," he said. "At the same time I will see whether it presents motion picture possibilities. If it is good it will be published and put in shape for a picture. If not it will be discarded."

He will not attempt to choose only the books which can be put on the screen by his famous wife, either.

"A false impression of French literature has been created in this country, and I want to assist in breaking that impression. True, some of the stories would require close censoring before presentation to an American audience, but there are many others which would not require this. They are art and literature in any language, and I intend to bring this to America."

Marquis de la Falaise at his desk behind the door marked "H. Falaise." Note the picture of Gloria Swanson on his desk

JUST ABOUT PADEREWSKI AND FAMOUS FRENCH ACE

By GILBERT SWAN

New York, Dec. 26.—See-sawing up and down Broadway I did see Ignace Paderewski, genius of piano and politics. And he seemed quite recovered from an injury to a finger so precious that it hath been insured for quite a fortune. And interested I was to see him in the flesh inasmuch as I had just come from an art gallery where hangeth his portrait made by the great Zuloaga at a fee, I am told, of $20,000—paid by a piano concern. Which maketh me wonder what hath become of the starving artist?

And interested, too, was I in a tale told me at the gallery of how Zuloaga fell ill while at work on the painting in Switzerland and found it necessary to return to Spain. Whereat he painted the marvelous hands and head, sketched the body and borrowed a suit of Paderewski's clothes. Recovered from his illness he looked about Spain until he found a man who knew little more about music than do I, but who measured to the master's stature; dressed him up in Paderewski's clothes and finished the painting.....

Saw Lucien Bossoutrot Who is he, you ask? How fickle is fame and memory Do you not recall the famous French ace who brought down a record number of German planes? But that was long ago and now Lucien is married to a petite and pretty little maid, Loulou Hegoburo, who kicketh her dainty toes at the Chez Fysher, a transplanted Parisian cellar cabaret. However, Lucien doth talk of a trans-atlantic flight when Spring hath come.

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Cleveland, O., Dec. 26.—While preparing to play Santa Claus for her seven-year-old son, Mrs. W. P. Beck, thirty-six, was fatally burned yesterday.

Cotton trimmings on her home-made suit were ignited as she stood near a kitchen range heating glue with which to paste Santa Claus whiskers on her face.

Beck, hearing the commotion, thought it was the boy screaming with delight, and knew nothing of his wife's predicament until she ran into his bedroom, her clothing afire. He rushed Mrs. Beck to the hospital where she died several hours later.

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TO-MORROW'S HOROSCOPE

By Genevieve Kemble

SUNDAY AND MONDAY DECEMBER 27, 28.

Sunday's horoscope is a very unimportant one, according to the entire absence of astral portents. Things should proceed as usual after the liveliness of holiday engagements.

Those whose birthday it is may expect an unusually quiet and routine year unless they happen to be born rather late at night, when they should be careful in signing papers or writings. A child born on this day may have a rather uneventful life, unless born late in the afternoon, in which case it should be clever.

Monday's astrological forecast points to a rather unsettled year, with annoyances and anxieties in business affairs, brought on largely by the disposition to be restless and irritable. There may be change and travel but not to the liking, and there is possible danger of loss through speculation, fraud or writings. Personal affairs should be pleasanter.

Those whose birthday it is should be careful with their money and make all changes with precaution. Home affairs should be happy and thrive. A child born on this day may tend to be restless and unsettled.

NEXT YEAR—It's all the rage now for customers to forecast next year's styles. Here's what Seattle designers think will be worn in 1926.

SOCIETY

HOSPITALS OBSERVE CHRISTMAS WITH FUN AND FEASTING

Entertainment and Gift Distribution at Jubilee; Special Services at St. Joseph's

Christmas was celebrated in both the hospitals yesterday, many generous friends remembering the sick in the Provincial, Jubilee and St. Joseph's Hospitals with gifts of seasonable cheer. On Christmas Eve and again yesterday there was abroad in the two hospitals such a spirit of cheeriness as to dispel temporarily the atmosphere of suffering which is a concomitant of these institutions.

JUBILEE ENTERTAINMENT

On Christmas eve the annual entertainment and Christmas tree drew all the patients who could be moved, as well as members of the board of directors and nurses, to the nurses' recreation room, which in the old days was the Fleming Ward.

The programme opened with a tableau entitled "Nativity," by the probationers. It was beautifully done. The juniors gave the musical part which followed: Piano solo, Miss Lorna Coburn; recitation, Miss Jeanette Miller; solo, Miss Netta Parfitt; bones, Master Irwin Belford.

A play entitled "The Mere Man" made a hit, the cast including the Misses Bessie Cheil, Elise Oliver, Jeanette Miller, Emma Collett, Macford Kerr, Pearl Barbour, Hilda Pelly and Florence McKibbon.

The intermediates revealed a unique artist in Miss B. Jones, who gave a whistling solo which was well received. Miss Viola Naff gave a witty recitation, and the concluding episode was a funny turn entitled "The Awkward Squad."

SANTA CLAUS THERE

George McGregor, chairman of the board of directors, acted as chairman, and other members of the board who were present were Messrs. Forman, Roberts, Harvey, Drake, G. H. Brown and Mrs. Rhodes. In the audience were also Ven. Archdeacon Laycock and Mrs. Laycock, Rev. Mr. Nunns, Rev. A. de B. Owen and several doctors, including Dr. T. Miller, Dr. Hudson and the medical superintendent of the hospital, Dr. Pearse.

Rev. A. de B. Owen assumed the guise of Santa Claus and distributed the gifts from the beautifully decorated tree, with a genial greeting for each recipient.

WARDS DECORATED

Every ward in the hospital was decorated, thanks to the interest of numerous organizations and individuals. The Junior W.A., of which Miss Irma Macdonald is president, decorated the public wards and put a present on the tree for each patient in the hospital. The Marguerite Chapter, I.O.D.E., decorated the tree in the doctors' reception-room, and the solariums on the first, second and third floors respectively were decorated by the Native Daughters, the Women's Institute and the Margaret Rocke Robertson Chapter. The Women's Canadian Club decorated a tree in their endowment room and put a present there for each patient. The Jubilee Alumnae did the same in their ward.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

The Florence Nightingale Chapter, I.O.D.E., in addition to decorating the T.B. ward served a most elaborate dinner to the patients yesterday, the menu comprising turkey and plum pudding and all the other good things associated with Christmas dinner.

The Daughters of Pity, following their annual custom, saw to it that the little patients had as merry a Christmas as was possible. They decorated both the children's wards, and provided the Christmas trees and many lovely gifts. Mrs. Selden Humphreys and Miss Dola Dunsmuir presented a gift for each girl and boy.

The Municipal Chapter, I.O.D.E., sent a gift of fruit and flowers for the ex-service men, Mrs. Fleming decorated the Fleming Ward and also brought a gift from the Red Cross for each soldier; Mrs. Risser sent a gift for each T.B. patient; Miss Mara and Mrs. Walker of the New Thought Sunday School, sent smokes and candy. F. B. Pemberton sent a generous consignment of berried holly for decoration.

The nurses' Christmas dinner, with the exception of the turkey, was provided by the Women's Auxiliary, the directors donating candy for the Christmas tree.

ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL

The Christmas celebrations at St. Joseph's Hospital commenced on Christmas Eve with midnight mass at the hospital chapel, Rev. Father Vullinghs officiating in the presence of many patients, nurses, friends and sisters. The chapel was beautifully decorated with lovely flowers, sent by kindly friends.

In the hospital proper, the wards and corridors presented a festive appearance with their lavish decoration of holly, greenery and flowers, while each ward had its Christmas tree, decorated by the sisters and nurses and hung with gifts.

Christmas Day commenced with early mass at 8 o'clock, Rev. Father Sobry officiating. At breakfast time each patient was greeted with a charming little Christmas card from the sisters, placed on the breakfast trays. In the afternoon benediction service was held in the chapel.

The First United Church will hold the annual Sunday School concert in the schoolroom of the church on Tuesday. The entertainment will commence at 8 p.m., and a very special programme has been arranged for the occasion. All departments will contribute to the success of the concert, and many very interesting and novel items have been prepared by the classes. There will also be a number of glees by the Sunday School choir under the leadership of Alfred Gurney. This concert is open to the public.

TO SING AT CRYSTAL GARDEN IN JANUARY

Miss Marion Copp of Toronto, contralto, will be the assisting artist on the programme to be given by Marcel Grandjany, the famous French harpist, at the Crystal Garden on January 11. Miss Copp is taking the contralto solos in the "Messiah," which is being given in Vancouver on Sunday afternoon.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. W. D. Wheelwright of Sidney is staying at the Empress Hotel for part of the holiday season.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Harris of Vancouver came to Victoria for Christmas. They are at the Empress Hotel.

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Mr. George MacBeth, the Balmoral Hotel, is spending the week-end in Seattle.

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Lieut. H. N. Lay of H.M.C.S. Patrician is in Vancouver for the holidays, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. Murray Lay.

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Mrs. H. A. Whillans left yesterday afternoon for Vancouver on a short visit to her daughter, Miss Frances Whillans.

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Mrs. Gray of San Francisco is visiting in Victoria as the guest of her sister, Miss Honor Nash, Rosslyn Road, Oak Bay.

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Dr. and Mrs. H. Leroy Burgess left on Thursday night for Vancouver, where they were the guests of friends for Christmas Day.

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Mr. Garner, principal of the High School at Ladysmith, accompanied by Mrs. Garner, is spending the Christmas vacation in Victoria.

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Mr. Ray Worlock of Prince Rupert is spending a week in Victoria as the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Worlock, Menzies Street.

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Mr. and Mrs. Leicester of Ocean Falls have been the guests of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Taylor, Carnsew Street.

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Mr. George Phillips, of the Navy Yard, Esquimalt, who has been spending the last month in California, is expected home in Victoria on Monday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harry Evannett of Vancouver are visiting in Victoria as the guest of the latter's mother, Mrs. Brynjolfson, Newport Avenue, Oak Bay.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. Nickson, Granite Street, Oak Bay, motored to Alberni from where they left for Bamfield to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives.

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Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Skillen, of Chemainus are spending the week-end in Victoria as the guest of the former's mother, Mrs. Irene Skillen, Chandler Avenue.

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Mr. and Mrs. Russell of Beaver Point, Salt Spring Island, are visiting for the holiday their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Allison of Vining Street.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Meldram of Vancouver are spending the Christmas season in Victoria as the guests of the former's mother, Mrs. G. G. Meldram, Simcoe Street.

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Mr. Walter Clayton of Seattle is spending the week-end in Victoria as the guest of his mother and sister, Mrs. Clayton and Miss Charlotte Clayton, in Campbell Building.

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Mr. R. L. Shimmin, former Victoria financial man, now in the bond business in Vancouver, came over for Christmas Day in this city with old friends.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Kelly and little daughter of Revelstoke are spending the holidays with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Hanbury, at the Humboldt Apartments.

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The many friends in Victoria of Mr. Lloyd Dickinson will hear with regret of his death, which took place on December 21 in Miami, Florida. The late Mr. Dickinson was the fifth son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dickinson of Victoria and was born here over forty years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Revercomb and small son, of Seattle, are spending the season's holiday in Victoria as the guest of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Revercomb, Belmont Avenue.

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Mrs. T. W. Paterson and her nephew, Mr. Gordon Paterson, went over to the mainland on Thursday to spend the Christmas with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. McD. Paterson.

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Miss Babe Haines, of Vancouver, is arriving in Victoria on Monday to spend the week in Victoria with Miss Molly Hamilton, R.N., who is staying with her mother, Mrs. Cadzow, Island Road, Oak Bay.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Ditmars with their two sons came over from Vancouver yesterday to spend the Christmas week-end in Victoria. They are staying at the Empress Hotel.

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Dr. and Mrs. J. Ewart Gee of Fernie, and Dr. and Mrs. Arthur M. Gee, and Master Billy of New Westminster are spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gee of Richmond Avenue.

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Mr. and Mrs. Landon of New Westminster and Miss Marguerite McDonald of New Westminster are spending the Christmas holiday in Victoria as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Robertson, Linden Avenue.

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Mr. W. M. Lawrence and Miss Eileen Lawrence left on Thursday afternoon for Vancouver, where for the Christmas holidays they will be the guests of the former's son and daughter-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Grant Lawrence.

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Mr. Percy Shepheard, who has been spending the last week in Victoria as the guest of Mr. Huestis at Cherry Bank, left yesterday for Vancouver to visit with his mother, Mrs. Newland Shepheard, before leaving for Seattle where he has accepted a position.

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On Christmas eve, at the Cameron Lumber Company Limited mill, Mr. Thomas Anderson, the popular manager, was presented with a magnificent gold watch and chain by the plant employees. In a well-chosen speech he was informed that it was a token of the high esteem in which he has always been held, as well as an expression of their sincere regret at his resignation, which takes effect in the near future. The office staff also gave evidence of their affectionate regard, their gift taking the form of a handsome leather club bag. In both instances Mr. Anderson replied suitably, thanking all concerned for their loyalty and co-operation during the period of his association with them.

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"Mountjoy," Foul Bay Road, was the scene of a delightful dance on Christmas Eve when Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Pemberton entertained the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Yarrow, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Grant, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Bell, Major and Mrs. Engledue, Capt. and Mrs. Thorpe-Doubble, Mr. and Mrs. Napier, Major and Mrs. Parr, Miss Sheila Parr, Miss Yoder Pemberton, Miss Napier, Major and Mrs. Langley, Miss Mary Langley, Mrs. Chapin, the Misses Chapin, Mr. and Mrs. Eric McCallum, Mr. and Mrs. J. O'Reilly, Commander and Mrs. C. T. Nieles, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Matson, Mrs. Bridges, Miss Alice Pooley, Miss Betty Robertson, Miss Phyllis Burton, the Misses Streatfield, the Misses Joy and Betty Phillips, Miss Myrtle Gale, the Misses Betty and Lucy Bryden, Miss Ines Ker, Miss Murdoch, Miss Peggy Hodgins, Miss Vivien Matson, Miss Margery Stirling, Miss V. Elderton, Mr. and Mrs. Hargrave, Lieut. Mainguy, Lieut. Grant, Messrs. Arthur McCallum, W. C. Merston, Robinson, Pat and Alec Parr, W. Pemberton, Randall and Rawdie Mathews, Nairn Robertson, Halford and Edward Elderton, Tommy Lampman, Millbank, Allen, G. Barton, T. Holmes and Jack Hargrave.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. Cheshyre Janion of Vancouver are among the guests at the Empress Hotel for the Christmas season.

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Mrs. Brentzen was over from Vancouver to spend the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. P. A. E. Irving, Cook Street.

J.B.A.A. CHRISTMAS BALL ATTRACTED OVER 500 GUESTS

"Three Little Maids" Chorus Danced Charleston; Tickle-toe Orchestra Popular

The somewhat unusual experiment of a public dance on Christmas Day was tried by the J.B.A.A. this year and, as with all the social functions undertaken by this ambitious and energetic group of young athletes, proved an outstanding success. The affair was held at the Empress Hotel last evening and attracted a crowd of nearly five hundred, necessitating additional accommodation for dancing.

The decorations were unusually beautiful. The orchestra dais was transformed into a bower of color against which background the Tickle-toe orchestra from Vancouver dispensed a programme of music that provoked constant demands for more from the delighted dancers. This aggregation of visiting musicians rendered the latest jazz with all the verve which modern dancing demands, and warmth of the applause showed the general appreciation of their playing.

The cast of "Three Little Maids" were among the guests at the ball, and patrons of the affair were delighted with an exposition of the Charleston as presented by five members of the chorus of the company.

The ballroom has seldom presented a prettier scene. In addition to the decorations of the orchestra dais, holly and greenery were lavishly employed, while tall trees in tubs were placed at intervals around the walls. The huge electroliers were veiled with colored shades bearing the initials of the Association in huge colored letters.

PRETTY WEDDING ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Nuptials Yesterday of Miss Isla Brandon and Walter C. Brynjolfson

A wedding of interest to many Victorians took place yesterday at St. Mary's Church, Oak Bay, at 2.30 o'clock, when the Rev. A. E. de L. Nunns united in marriage Isla Sarah, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Brandon of 2511 Cranmore Road, Oak Bay, and Mr. Walter Charles Brynjolfson, son of the late Mr. E. Brynjolfson and of Mrs. Brynjolfson, of 1319 Newport Avenue, Oak Bay.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was a picture of youthful charm in her wedding gown of white georgette fashioned over white satin, with straight bodice and long sleeves caught at the wrist with a bracelet of pearls and having a flaring skirt. Over this was worn a filmy lace veil attached to the coiffure with a coronet of orange blossoms and having the veil arranged in fan shape at the back of her head. A shower bouquet of bridal roses completed the pleasing attire.

The bride had two attendants, her sister, Miss Joe Brandon, and Miss Elise Menkus, both of whom were much admired in their frocks—the former in Nile green georgette and the latter in shell pink georgette, with silver bandeaux on their heads and each carried a bouquet of pink carnations.

The groom was supported by Dr. John Calvert of Armstrong and the ushers were Mr. Walter Watson and Mr. Hector Goodacre. On the entry and departure of the bridal party and during the signing of the register the organist presided at the organ. Christmas decorations enhanced the beauty of the church and the guest pews were signified with bows of satin ribbon holding in place white chrysanthemums.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents on Cranmore Road, where Mrs. Brandon in a gown of amber georgette with hat to match and wearing a mink wrap and a corsage bouquet of violets, assisted in receiving the guests.

Later the bride and groom left on the afternoon boat for Seattle, and on their return will make their home in Victoria. The bride's traveling costume was a slip of black chiffon velvet, over which was worn a mandarin coat in delphinium blue silk, heavily embroidered with a silver thread and a hat to match.

To the bridesmaids the groom gave pearl and onyx rings and to the best man and the ushers gold cuff links.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Evennet of Vancouver were among the out of town guests present at the wedding.

THE REAL CHRISTMAS

The Victoria Theosophical Society, Independent, will hold a public meeting on Sunday evening at 8 o'clock, when the subject, "The Real Christmas," will be presented and discussed. The meeting will be held in the rooms of the society, 101 Union Bank Building.

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MAID LOST LIFE IN CHRISTMAS BLAZE

Christmas Eve Party in Winnipeg Had Tragic Sequel

Winnipeg, Dec. 26—Elsie Feiske, a maid, was burned so severely that she died to-night in a hospital and several persons had a narrow escape from suffocation, when fire destroyed the home of J. A. Davidson yesterday.

The maid was trapped in an upstairs room. Firemen reached her by means of ladders but she was unconscious and badly burned.

Guests at a Christmas party in the home smelled smoke at 1 a.m. today and Mr. Davidson and other men went to the cellar to investigate. Smoke and flames drove them back. C. H. Leamans, one of the guests, became confused in the smoke filled basement and was rescued by other members of the party in a fainting condition.

The flames spread with great rapidity and persons in the house were balked in their attempts to reach the third floor to awaken the maid. As the flames burst out, the second floor window the maid appeared at a window on the top floor, tried to break the glass but was overcome and fell back. The firemen arrived a few minutes later. An overheated furnace is believed to have caused the fire.

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An Extra Special Bargain in Men's Tweed Suits

On Monday and the following days we are offering a number of Men's Two-trouser Suits at a substantially reduced price. They are tailored from serviceable tweeds in grey and brown shades, smart two and three-button models that will please young men, as well as older men; sizes 36 to 44. Price, with two pair of trousers **$19.95**

A Year-end Sale of Men's Overcoats

Men's All Wool Overcoats, Values to $17.50 for $9.95

20 only of these to clear. Warm, Serviceable Overcoats, made from medium weight wool overcoating, in dark grey and heather shades. Single and double-breasted Chesterfield style, with half-inch raised seams two pockets and vent in back; unlined. Well tailored and good fitting; sizes 38 to 46. Values to $17.50. Sale Price **$9.95**

Men's English Gabardine Coats, Regular $16.95 for $14.95

English made fawn Gaberdine Coats, in single-breasted trench coat style, with collar that can be buttoned close to neck if desired; has all-round belt with leather buckle. Lined with strong quality checked cotton; sizes 34 and 36. Also Paramatta cloth coats, in double-breasted style with all-round belt; sizes 36 to 42. Sale Price **$14.95**

Men's All Wool Overcoats, Reg. $22.50 for $15.95

English made all wool Overcoats, in single-breasted, Raglan sleeve style wtih two pockets; unlined. Shown in clerical grey; sizes 38 to 44. Sale Price, **$15.95**

Men's Heavy Overcoats, Regular $35.00 for $27.95

Eight only in this special offering. Made from serviceable wearing fabric, in grey only. Double-breasted style, with two-way collar, half belt and three pockets, full lined; sizes 36 to 44. Sale Price **$27.95**

A Year-end Sale of Men's Footwear

This is the season of the year when every man should be particularly interested in footwear—the time when heavier shoes are needed to withstand the damp and rain. In this year-end sale, we offer hundreds of pairs of dependable Boots, Brogues and Oxfords. Values as high as $9.00 a pair, for the special low price of

$5.45

Black and Brown Boots

Black, kid, black calf and brown Calf boots, in Blucher and Balmoral styles. Single and double oak-tanned soles and rubber tipped heels; all sizes. Values to $9.00. Sale Price, per pair **$5.45**

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Popular styles in brown, tan and black calf, suitable for business, street or semi-dress wear. Choice of single or double oak tanned Goodyear soles. All made on Balmoral style, narrow, medium and full round toe lasts; values to $8.00. Sale Price, per pair **$5.45**

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Fashionable Winter brogues in tan and black willow calfskin. Full brogue perforated style with double soles of oak-tanned leather, medium round and full round toe. A big assortment to select from; all sizes. Value to $7.50. Sale Price, per pair **$5.45**
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Size 9x13.6. Sale Price ... **$18.50**
—Third Floor, H.B.C.

A Year-end Clearance of Smart Millinery

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Ready-to-Wear Hats of velvet, silk and combinations of velvet and silk. Some are trimmed with ribbon or velvet; others finished with ornament; small, medium and large shapes in all colors. Sale Price, each **$2.98**

GROUP 2
Values to $7.95, for $3.95

Velour and Felt Hats of superior quality, self trimmed or with ribbon bands. Shown in off-the-face and drooping-brim styles, in colors of brown henna, rose and sand. Sale Price **$3.95**

GROUP 3
Values $13.75, for $5.95

Pattern Hats, including trimmed velours, silk velvets, hatters plush and others. Choice of many exclusive styles in shades of rose, blue, green; also black. Sale Price **$5.95**

CHILDREN'S HATS
Values to $2.69, for $1.49

A clearance of Children's Hats in felt, plush, velvet and cloth. Soft pull-on shapes with rolled brims, trimmed with plain or fancy ribbon; band of self materal. Shown in tan, brown, blue, green and black. Sale Price **$1.49**
—Second Floor, H.B.C.

A Year-end Sale of Children's Coats

Values to $4.95, for $2.98

Durable Quality Blanket Cloth Coats, neat style, with buttoned-up collar, double-breasted and two slash pockets; sizes 1 and 3 years; camel and navy. Value $4.95. Sale Price **$2.98**

Values to $5.95, for $3.98

Chinchilla Cloth Coats, double-breasted style, with two slash pockets; shown in brown and navy; sizes 1 to 3 years. Also blanket cloth, in straight or belted styles, camel and green; sizes 1 to 6 years. Values to $5.95. Sale Price **$3.98**

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Values to $12.95, for $9.98

Serviceable Coats in fine velour or blanket cloth, smart tailored models; others elaborately trimmed with fur; shown in green, rust, beaver, brown and navy; sizes 7 to 12 years; values to $12.95. Sale Price **$9.98**

Values to $21.50, for $13.98

Very Smart Coats in best quality velour, straight or flared effects, elaborately trimmed with fur, buttons or stitching. Shown in green, beaver and brick; sizes 8 to 14 years. Values to $21.50. Sale Price ... **$13.98**
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Peek Frean's Assorted Shortcake; special round tin ..... 85¢
Libby's Moist Mincemeat, royal jar, at ..... 45¢
Libby's Imported Spanish Queen Olives, large bottle; special ... 44¢
Lyles Golden Syrup, 4-lb. tin ... 48¢
Quaker Brand Canned Sweet Corn, No. 2 tin ..... 15¢
Quaker Brand Canned Tomatoes, No. 2 tin, 2 for ..... 25¢
Aylmer Brand Chicken Soup, per tin ..... 30¢
Eagle Brand Canned Lobster, ¼-lb tin ..... 30¢
½-lb. tin ..... 50¢
1-lb. tin ..... 85¢

Monday Specials in the Fresh Meat Department

Pot Roast, per lb., 15¢
Stewing Beef, 2 lbs. for ..... 25¢
Corned Beef, lb., 15¢
Mutton Chops, lb., 45¢
Sirloin Steak, lb., 27¢
Round Steak, per lb., 18¢ and ..... 20¢
Finnie Haddie, lb., 18¢
Golden Ray, lb., 23¢
Kippers, per lb. ... 15¢
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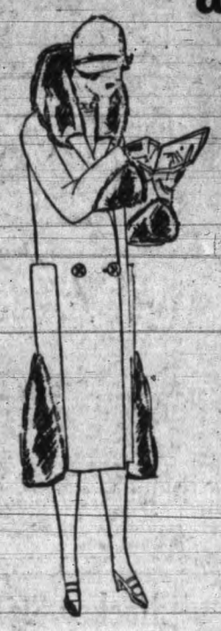
A Year-end Sale of Coats and Frocks



Just when you are beginning to grow tired of the apparel you bought at the opening of the Winter season and wishing you had something new and different, comes this year-end sale offering smart looking coats and frocks at prices you'll be glad to pay. Freshen up your wardrobe with one or two frocks or a new coat for the remaining Winter season.

FUR-TRIMMED COATS
Values to $22.50 for $12.95

Winter Coats in velour, blanket cloth and blocked zibeline. Straight line and side flare models with fur collars and cuffs trimmed with novelty stitching and buttons. Shown in rust, reindeer, grey, taupe, rose and sand; sizes 16 to 40. Values to $22.50. Sale Price **$12.95**

FUR-TRIMMED COATS
Values to $35.00 for $17.95

This season's smartest models fashioned in flared and circular skirt styles. Collars and cuff of mouflon fur. Shown in rich shades of brown, cranberry, fawn, reindeer, teakwood and tan; sizes 16 to 40. Values to $35.00. Sale **$17.95**

FROCKS
Values to $25.00 for $9.98

Included in this group of dresses are all the newest styles, fashioned from such materials as crepe de Chine, flat crepe, poiret twill, gabardine, etc. Shown in straight line and flared skirt styles, suitable for afternoon and general wear. Have long and short sleeves, round necks or turnover collars, trimmings of embroidery, bands of self or contrasting material or silk braid. Many new shades to choose from; also navy and black; sizes 16 to 38. Values to $25.00. Sale Price **$9.98**

FROCKS
Values to $35.00 for $14.95

Another group of afternoon and tailored dresses in charmeen, wool Ottoman, satin and crystal crepe. Show all the very latest style features. They have circular skirts or are straight of line; some with high necks, long sleeves with embroidered puffs, fur borders and scarf collars with trimmings of heavy embroidery, tassels, lace, etc. Choice of the season's newest colors, also navy and black; sizes 16 to 38. Values to $35.00. Sale Price **$14.95**

A Year-end Sale of Boys' Overcoats and Suits

BOYS' HEAVY WINTER OVERCOATS
Values to $19.50, for $14.95

Big, double-breasted Coats for boys from 13 to 18 years of age. Tailored from high grade tweeds, in serviceable fawn and Lovat shades. A special bargain, at **$14.95**

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Tailored from good wearing tweeds and rough blue serge. Coats are cut with three-piece belt, bloomers have belt loops, pockets and Governor fasteners; sizes 8 to 16 years. Sale Price at $5.95
—Main Floor, H.B.C.

HOCKEY. FOOTBALL TIMES SPORTING NEWS BASKETBALL. RUGBY

Great Christmas Day Victory For Cougars

World's Champions Thrash Tigers Before Their Home Folks, Despite Fact That They Are Still in Weakened State; Fredrickson Contributes Three Goals and an Assist, Lester Patrick Starting Him on Rampage

Calgary, Dec. 26—Victoria Cougars lashed the Calgary Tigers into line here Christmas afternoon and plastered them over perfectly with a score of four to one. The coasters, though crippled, and with the misery of heavy, sugar-surfaced ice, outskated and baffled the locals with their trickery and fast breaking in the second period, running in two goals to cinch the decision, after finishing the first canto a goal to the good.

With the exception of the first ten minutes of the opening period, and about half of the third period, the Cougars were all over the Tigers. It is true that Calgary did a goodly share of the skating, in fact they glided about twice the distance of the visitors, but they did not get the results.

Frank Frederickson, chief of the world's champions in offensive play, manned the forces nobly yesterday when he fired the galloping gaget by Winkler three times and assisted Hart in counting the fourth. The Icelandic whirlwind was not wasting energy or time playing around any more than he could help on the sticky floor. He waited for the breaks and when Calgary had poured its forces forward and fell demoralized against the firm Victoria protection, he tore back like a flash with Hart, and between them they tricked the Calgary protection time after time, and drilled right through the Calgary layout for marks.

DEFENCE VERY WEAK

After the first five minutes the Tiger guards were woefully loose. Victoria showed a defence that surprised the most seasoned critic. Still minus Halderson and Fraser, they went in there and tossed off the power of the Tiger drives with surprising strength.

It was in the last eight or ten minutes that the Tigers ripped in savagely and broke through repeatedly, but Happy Holmes never showed better stuff. He was in wonderful form, stopping seventeen shots in the closing stretch. Briden and Oliver were through on him regularly, but he handled their delivery with an ease that was exasperating to the Bengal Tigers and his showing was but the finishing touch to a show by Victoria that convinced Calgaryans that the world's champions are a game set, fighting with a keener spirit of gameness when crippled than the ordinary crack combination performs when at full strength. The soft ice slackened the pace for the better part of the game, but it was fitting for the style of hockey that Victoria adopted.

Lester Patrick, sporty boss of the Cougars, led his pack to the first victory on the plains, and he displayed just the sort of fighting courage that keeps the spirit of followers alert.

DUTTON SCORES

In the first period, Calgary rushed furiously to open and had things their own way, but couldn't get by.

Finally Dutton raced through firing from the blue patch, and sagged the webbing with a shot that got by Holmes's elbow high. Up in front the Tigers seemed to prance a little too much with the confidence of the lead. Headley was through nicely and had the open side of the goal but the puck hit the post. In a vicious drive the Tigers threw three men to the goal and Lester Patrick was lying across the face of the net himself, and two players were piled on top of him. Out of the exciting thrush, Fredrickson followed Patrick down when the boss got possession and racing through took a perfect pass, drew Winkler out and evened the score with a flip shot.

HART PULLS ONE

Before the period ended, Hart got his cane to a delivery from Fredrickson in the corner, and while the Calgary defence was muddled, he hoisted the waffle to the cage, sending Victoria into the lead.

Early in the second period, Calgary did not scatter the remains of a Victoria rush, leaving Fredrickson loitering around their territory, and he slipped in, grabbed off a loose puck near the corner, and swooping in on the hatch, deftly flipped the cake at Winkler. It skidded between his skates for Victoria's third point. After that Victoria started to raid, and they kept the Tigers worried. The Tigers were unable to get any sort of combination together, as the sticky surface spoiled the timing of several crosses, and then again the Cougars were intercepting very cleverly. The visitors clung to their checks and this nullified the force of the rushes, as the local forwards were going into the Victoria defence, always harassed by checks.

Loughlin, aided by Fredrickson, who took the pass, neatly slipped through between the defence man, and rapped another marker by Winkler, cinching the day.

THREE MAJOR PENALTIES

The last period was enlivened by two fistic duels out of which three major penalties developed. Jocko Anderson and Spunk Sparrow crossed mattacks at each others dome and then went to the ice, locked. Dutton and Frederickson clashed and Dutton drew ten minutes, while Fredrickson was banished for three. Calgary pressed in the closing stages, but the Victoria layout was unbeatable, Holmes showing his finest form in the last half of the chukker with brilliant saves.

Victoria	Position	Calgary
Holmes	Goal	Winkler
Loughlin	Defence	Gardiner
Patrick	Defence	Dutton
Fredrickson	Forward	Sparrow
Hart	Forward	Oliver
Walker	Forward	Briden
Anderson	Sub	Headley
Cayman	Sub	Wilson
	Sub	Duncan
	Sub	MacFarlane

COMES THROUGH

FRANK FREDRICKSON

After an uncertain start "Freddie" finally hit his stride yesterday at Calgary and checked in with three goals and an assist, which gave him quite a boost in the scoring averages. Fredrickson seems to have done better since Lester Patrick got into the game. He scored a goal here against Portland and Lester gave him the pass in Saskatoon that resulted in Victoria's only goal. Yesterday Lester gave Fredrickson the pass which brought the first goal for the Cougars. After that Walker and Loughlin helped "Freddie" with passes that brought goals. "Freddie" also gave Hart a pass for a goal.

NEW YORK FANS TO SEE EIGHT HOCKEY GAMES IN A WEEK

New York, Dec. 26.—New York enters upon its most elaborate hockey programme in years to-night, when the first of eight games to be played in Madison Square Garden within five days will be contested with the Pittsburg Pirates facing the New York Americans in a National Hockey League match.

Eastern amateur league teams will make their bow to-morrow night in a double-header. College puck-chasers will be next to enter the arena on Monday when Canadian and American teams clash. McGill and Boston College play in the afternoon and Princeton contests againsts the Royal Military Academy of Kingston, Ont.

T. Lampman and Hew Paterson Tied In Oak Bay Bogey

Tommy Lampman and Hew Paterson tied for first place in the Christmas Day bogey competition at the Victoria Golf Club yesterday. They each finished one up. There were thirty-three entries and the results were:

	Net H'cap	Result
T. E. Lampman	8	1 up
Hew Paterson	5	1 up
Beau Burdick	8	1 down
A. H. Ford	6	2 down
Dick Wilson	8	2 down
E. A. Burton	3	3 down
L. H. Hardie	8	3 down
J. Hutchinson	11	3 down
Clarke Gamble	11	4 down
Major D. A. Hogg	8	4 down
J. V. Scrivener	8	4 down
J. E. Wilson	4	4 down
T. O. Mackay	6	6 down

SUMMARY

First period—1, Calgary, Dutton, 9.35; 2, Victoria, Fredrickson from Patrick, 3.30; 3, Victoria, Hart from Fredrickson, 1.00.

Second period—4, Victoria, Fredrickson from Walker, 5.05; 5, Victoria, Fredrickson from Loughlin, 16.05.

Third period—No score.

PENALTIES

First period—Wilson, Anderson, 2 minutes.

Second period—None.

Third period—Fredrickson, Patrick, 2 minutes; Fredrickson, 3 minutes; Dutton, 10 minutes; Sparrow and Anderson, rest of game, 16 minutes.

Referee, Mickey Ion.

California Rugby Team Well Beaten In Initial Battle

Vancouver Rep Team Shows Surprising Form and Wins By 10 Points to Nil

Team Work and Superb Condition Mainly Responsible For Fine Victory

Vancouver, Dec. 26.—In one of the most interesting contests which has been seen at Brockton Point for many seasons, Vancouver's representative rugby team yesterday avenged the defeat suffered last Christmas Day by handing the visiting California fifteen a 10-0 beating. The reps. showed much better form than in the 1924 appearance against the southerners and they were distinctly superior in teamwork and physical condition. They excelled in the loose and broke away on long dribbling rushes which the visitors found difficult to stop.

Varsity furnishes the opposition for to-day's game while the final will be staged on New Year's against an all-mainland fifteen.

The Americans appeared in the colors of the Olympic Club of San Francisco, and were given encouraging support from many of the 3,000 spectators who lined the oval. They put up a spirited game, and at two periods, once in the first half, and once again in the second forced the reps. to a defence that barely held.

TEMPLETON IN POSITION

Dink Templeton turned out at fullback after all, but he did not get much change to show his punting ability. In nearly every case his kick was of little use, for the locals were right on top of the play all the time and allowed no delays.

Vancouver's victory was in a large measure due to superior teamwork, backed by excellent condition. Many of the local stars were in brilliant form, the work of Choate, McLean, Ramsdell and Thornton in the forward line, Pete Marshall and Alex. Farmer as halves, Marc Grimmett and Ray Barry as five-eighths, Murray Rowan on the three-quarter line and Charlie Prenter at full back being outstanding.

For the Olympics, Babe Slater at wing, forward, Colley at receiving half, Charlie Doe and Swede Leistner at the three-quarter lines, were in best form.

Hockey Standings

WESTERN LEAGUE

	W.	L.	T.	Goals F.	Goals A.	Pct.
Saskatoon	6	2	0	26	18	12
Portland	5	3	0	25	25	10
Vancouver	4	4	1	25	26	9
Victoria	2	6	2	12	16	6
Edmonton	2	2	0	24	18	6
Calgary	1	4	1	12	17	3

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W.	L.	T.	Goals F.	Goals A.	Pct.
Ottawa	7	1	0	20	10	14
Montreal	7	2	0	29	15	14
Pittsburg	5	4	1	21	18	11
New York	3	5	0	18	23	6
Canadiens	3	5	0	16	25	6
St. Patricks	2	4	1	19	21	5
Boston	2	8	0	20	31	4

INDIVIDUAL SCORERS

	G.	A.	Pts
W. Cook, Saskatoon	9	4	13
Keats, Edmonton	8	3	11
Gagne, Edmonton	6	4	10
MacKay, Vancouver	7	3	10
Frederickson, Victoria	6	3	9
Denenney, Saskatoon	5	3	8
Irvin, Portland	7	1	8
Mackey, Vancouver	6	0	6
Boucher, Vancouver	2	4	6
Reinikka, Vancouver	6	0	6
Shepherd, Edmonton	3	2	5
Briden, Calgary	5	0	5
Stanley, Edmonuton	4	1	5
Hay, Portland	3	2	5
Oliver, Calgary	3	2	5
McVeigh, Portland	3	1	4
Arbour, Vancouver	4	0	4
Wilson, Calgary	1	3	4
Trapp, Portland	2	2	4
Cameron, Saskatoon	3	0	3
Walker, Victoria	2	1	3
Townsend, Portland	2	1	3
Hart, Victoria	2	1	3
Anderson, Victoria	1	1	2
F. Cook, Saskatoon	2	0	2
Dojkowski, Portland	1	1	2
McCormick, Portland	2	0	2
Moran, Vancouver	3	0	3
Doraty, Portland	3	0	3
Reise, Saskatoon	0	3	3
Gordon, Saskatoon	3	0	3
L. Patrick, Victoria	0	2	2
Scott, Saskatoon	2	0	2
Bouregault, Saskatoon	2	0	2
Sparrow, Calgary	1	1	2
Shore, Edmonton	2	0	2
C. Loughlin, Victoria	0	1	1
Macfarlane, Calgary	1	0	1
Duncan, Calgary	0	1	1
Walte, Vancouver	0	1	1
Traub, Portland	1	0	1
Oatman, Calgary	0	1	1
W. Loughlin, Edmonton	1	0	1

VANCOUVER SWIM

Vancouver, Dec. 26.—The annual Christmas swim of the Vancouver Amateur Swimming Club took place at 12 o'clock on Friday morning at English Bay, when thirty members, ten ladies and twenty gentlemen took part. Three races were swum off, the winners being Miss Ireland in the ladies' event, Sid Summers the junior boys, and R. McKenzie the men's contest.

BOYLE GETS VERDICT

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 26—Paul Boyle, Brooklyn welterweight, was given a judges' decision over Willie Harmon, of New York, in a hard-fought ten-round bout here yesterday.

Pictorial Golf Instruction

By H. B. MARTIN

A Few Pointers on the Correct Stance

One can learn a great deal about style when the wrong way is pointed out. There are many things that we should not do in making a drive and most of us avoid the great majority of these. Not every golfer has all the faults in golf, but it is quite common to see a player stand at the tee addressing the ball with his arms extended too far, his hands separated about an inch on the grip, the feet too close together and the clubhead extended beyond the ball.

The player who stands this way will wonder what is wrong with his game. If he does hit a good drive it is more the result of an accident. It is a pity that a well hit drive is ever obtained with this combination of faults as one can never quite realize that it is ninety per cent. luck. Standing with the feet close together is a very bad fault, as one is often thrown off balance.

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Rosebuds Plucked In Christmas Game By Edmonton Esks

Portland Beaten 6-3 in Game That Pleased 5,000 Edmonton Supporters

Eskimos Gained Early Lead and Portland Failed to Get in Running

Edmonton, Dec. 26—The Edmonton Eskimos handed a crowd of 5,000 home fans a neatly tied up Christmas package yesterday afternoon when they sent the Portland Rosebuds down to a 6 to 3 defeat. The ease with which the home team polished off the coast aggregation sent the big crowd home vastly pleased with the exhibition. The victory sent the Eskimos in a tie for fourth place in the league standings.

The early lead of 3 to 0 rolled up by the green and white in the first period made it comparatively easy pickings for Edmonton. Both teams cut out a terrific pace for most of the afternoon and the prettiest combination efforts of the season were put on to the delight of the crowd. The Edmonton sharp-shooters swept in on top of McCusker time and time again and the bandaged Portland goalie spent a hectic afternoon.

Keats and Gagne were the pick of the forwards while Shore and Stanley, on defence, blocked splendidly and rushed with fine judgment. Bob Trapp, former Edmonton defence man, was given a big reception by the crowd and was just about the star of the game for the Buds.

Hay and Irvin gave a nice display on the forward line. Keats, Gagne and Loughlin sent Edmonton away to a nice lead, slapping three counters into the twine in less than ten minutes. Trapp responded with Portland's only goal of the period on a nice lone effort and the Eskimos were leading at the interval 3 to 1.

TEAMS TIRED

Each team counted one in the middle period, Gagne and Keats combining for Edmonton while a pretty two-man rush by Irvin and Hay gave Portland one. The players tired noticeably in the final period but the Eskimos had enough left in reserve to increase their lead over the Rosebuds. Stanley and Keats notched the Edmonton counters while Doraty picked up a loose puck, after Stuart had made a nice save from Dutkowski, and slipped it into an untenanted net.

SUMMARY:

First period—1, Edmonton, Keats, 5.27; 2, Edmonton, Gagne, 2.33; 3, Edmonton, Loughlin from Keats, 1.30; 4, Portland, Trapp, 1.00.

Second period—5, Edmonton, Gagné from Keats, 6.04; 5, Portland, Irvin from Hay, 11.26.

Third period—7, Edmonton, Stanley, 5.00; 8, Edmonton, Keats from Gagne, 3.00; 9, Portland, Doraty, 2.30.

PENALTIES:

First period—Trapp.

Second period—Keats, Townsend, and Trapp.

Third period — Traub, Stanley, Traub and Sheppard.

TWO PRO HOCKEY TEAMS WILL MAKE TOUR OF EUROPE

Montreal, Dec. 26—Montreal Maroons and another National Hockey League team will tour Great Britain and France after the conclusion of the present season, playing a number of exhibition games in artificial ice rinks in the principal cities of the two countries, if present plans materialize. President Strachan, of Montreal, has been conferring with a travel agency regarding bookings and it is quite likely that the end of the season will see the Maroons and possibly the Pittsburg Pirates, setting out on the jaunt overseas, it is stated.

Saskatoon Runner Wins Calgary Road Race by Big Margin

Calgary, Dec. 26—F. Halliwell, Saskatoon, won the Calgary Herald road race here yesterday, breaking the previous record of thirty-four minutes and thirty-five seconds. Halliwell ran around the course of six and oneseventh miles in the remarkable time of thirty-four minutes and twenty-one and two-fifth seconds. Don Sproule, Edmonton, finished second, and H. Pemberton, Calgary, third.

There were twenty entries in the race and eighteen finished, the last being F. Emmett, Calgary, fifty-four years old, whose time was forty-six minutes and fifty-seven seconds. Halliwell finished a third of a mile ahead of the second man. The winner took the lead from the start and was never seriously challenged. Alfred Endersby, Fruitvale, B.C., who won the race last year, challenged for the lead early in the race, but fell back to sixth place before the finish.

FORT WILLIAM WINS

Port Arthur, Ont., Dec. 26—Fort William won the opening game of the Thunder Bay senior hockey schedule yesterday afternoon from Port Arthur, 2 to 1. The feature of the play was the remarkable defence work of the Forts, for while the champions did most of the attacking, their efforts were nearly always broken up at the blue line.

THUNBERG TO SKATE

New York, Dec. 26—Arrangements have been made for Clas Thunberg, Finland's champion skater, to appear in the United States outdoor championships in Binghamton, N. Y., January 30 and 31. The title meet was awarded to Binghamton after Chicago had reported its inability to stage the event for financial reasons.

Arsenal Shuts Out Notts County 3-0 In Christmas Day Game

Birmingham Victorious Over Tottenhan, While West Ham Races Through Villa

Leicester, Cardiff, Bury and Manchester Other Winners; Two Drawn Games

London, Dec. 26—Soccer and rugby in practically all the English and Scottish leagues yesterday were features of the Christmas celebration. The teams are putting in a heavy week-end as the usual Saturday games are taking place to-day. Results yesterday were as follows:

ENGLISH LEAGUE—FIRST DIVISION

Arsenal 3, Notts County 0.
Birmingham 3, Tottenham Hotspurs 1.
Blackburn Rovers 2, Everton 2.
Bury 6, Manchester City 5.
Cardiff City 3, West Bromwich Albion 2.
Leeds United 2, Burnley 2.
Liverpool 6, Newcastle United 3.
Manchester United 2, Bolton Wanderers 1.
Sheffield United 2, Leicester City 4.
Sunderland - Huddersfield Town, postponed.
West Ham United 5, Aston Villa 2.

SECOND DIVISION

Blackpool 0, Chelsea 0.
Bradford City 1, The Wednesday 4.
Clapton Orient 2, Southampton 1.
Darlington 1, Hull City 2.
Fulham 2, Middlesbrough 0.
Nottingham Forest 4, Barnsley 2.
Oldham Athletics 1, Wolverhampton 2.
Port Vale 0, Derby County 1.
Stockport 3, Portsmouth 3.
Swansea Town 1, Stoke City 1.

THIRD DIVISION

Southern Section

Bournemouth 2, Bristol Rovers 0.
Brighton and Hove 6, Aberdare Athletics 2.
Bristol City 4, Plymouth 0.
Gillingham 2, Luton Town 1.
Merthyr Town 4, Newport County 1.
Millwall 2, Brentford 1.
Norwich City 4, Crystal Palace 3.
Queen's Park Rangers 3, Charlton 2.
Reading 2, Swindon Town 0.
Watford 3, Northampton 2.

THIRD DIVISION

Northern Section

Accrington Stanley 4, Tranmere Rovers 3.
Ashington 1, Barrow 4.
Coventry City 2, Crewe 1.
Grimsby Town 3, Bradford 0.
Hartlepool United 1, Durham City 1.
Lincoln City 3, Wrexham 2.
Nelson 7, Wiganboro 0.
Rotherham United 0, Chesterfield 1.
Southport 3, Doncaster Rovers 3.
Walsall-Halifax, postponed.

Enke and Gonnason Win Games In City Chess Championship

Other Game Between Patrick and Bredin Ended in Draw; Interest is Keen

Three further games were played this week at the Victoria Chess Club, Union Building, in the tournament that is being staged for the Victoria championship.

In a Queen's Gambit Declined, by Enke versus Bredin, the latter early on lost a bishop through an overlooked divergent check. Being handicapped in his defence by the loss of this piece, he was shortly afterwards forced into a position where he lost more material and the game.

In Patsick versus Bredin, a Queen's Gambit Accepted, the game after an early exchange of queens, developed into manoeuvres for the winning of isolated pawns. Patrick having retained his two bishops in the exchanges, and having them well posted to pin Black's pieces, won a knight but later on lost his then remaining bishop. With the game reduced to a rocks' and pawns' ending, the outcome was a draw.

GONNASON WINS

In the Queen's Gambit Declined, between Dawkins and Gonnason, the play was for a long time of a very close nature, with both attempting to break through in the centre. On his thirty-ninth move, Gonnason succeeded in winning White's queen pawn, which was the support of his centre and on the following move increased his advantage by winning a knight. Dawkins, three moves later, when guarding against a check that would, however, have been harmless, overlooked a strongly aggressive move, that would have allowed him to draw by perpetual check or else to win back the piece that he was down. Having failed to take this chance to equalize, he was, with an inferiority in force, unable to save his game.

Chess playing visitors in town, who wish to play some friendly games, will be welcomed at the local club, 303 Union Building.

Veterans to Meet

A meeting of the members of the Veterans' Football Club will be held on Tuesday evening at 7.30 o'clock in the Veterans of France clubrooms. All members of the team and council are asked to attend.

Esquimalt Score Win Over Pick Of League

Exhibition Match Yesterday Results in Win for First Division Leaders by 10-3; Largest Crowd in Years Attend; All Stars no Match for Combination Cup Winners; Dockers Led 3-1 at Half Time; Picked Eleven From Junior League Defeat Wednesday League "Rep" Eleven by 3-0 Score

Playing before one of the largest crowds that has attended a football match in Victoria for many years the Esquimalt eleven, winners of the Combination Cup, defeat the "Rest" of the First Division in their exhibition match at Beacon Hill yesterday afternoon by the score of 10-3. The Dockers put up a very finished exhibition, well deserving their victory.

Although the officials of the First Division selected a strong team to oppose Esquimalt the All Stars were unsteady and very erratic in their play. The result was a great disappointment to the crowd, who turned out expecting to witness a hard-fought battle. Some of the All-Stars did not seem to take much interest in the game, which is to be regretted when so many fans turned out. From the kick-off Esquimalt were on the offensive, and for the first ten minutes the All-Stars were busy keeping their goal clear. Isherwood, the "rep" goalie, put up a splendid game, and it was only through his work that the All-Stars were not beaten by a heavier score. In the first half he blocked shots that looked like sure goals.

ESQUIMALT SCORE

The first goal of the match came when, after a fine bit of combination play, Warren scored with a low shot into the corner of the net. The All-Stars figured in the play for a few minutes, and during their attack on the Esquimalt goal Coulter, scored with a bullet shot on a pass from Pat Mulcahy.

Esquimalt returned to the offensive, and during a heated attack the Dockers were awarded a penalty for a foul on Hawkes. Warren took the shot and drove in a fast ground ball, but Isherwood made a fine save. A few minutes later Tommy Watt missed an open goal.

Tommy Watt gave Esquimalt the lead again when he scored after Davis had sent in a fine centre from left wing. Just before half-time Warren put the Dockers two up. He drove the ball into the net on a pass from Tommy Watt.

GOALS GALORE

Carrying the ball down the field from the centre-off in the second half of Esquimalt added another to their total when Warren found the net. Tommy Watt added another on a long shot.

The All-Stars engineered an attack on the Esquimalt goal and when they were nearly through. Hosmer handled the ball and the referee awarded a penalty kick. Coulter picked the corner of the net, beating Nichol easily on the shot.

Johnny Watt added another for Esquimalt on a pass from his brother Tom and a few minutes later Nichol made a lovely save of Coutter's dirve from a free kick just on the penalty line.

Tommy Watt scored again for the Dockers, and shortly after Warren headed Stewart's centre past Isherwood. The All-Stars third and final goal came as a gift. Quainton shot and Mesher, in attempting to clear, drove the ball into his own goal. Warren booted in another counter for the Dockers and just before the final whistle Tommy Watt scored Esquimalt's tenth and final goal.

Oliver refereed and the teams were as follows:

Esquimalt—Nichol, Mesher, Joe Watt, Hosmer, Hay, Johnny Roe, Stewart, John Watt, Tom Watt, Warren and Davis.

All-Stars—Isherwood, Dunn, Allen, Hawkes, Shanks, Passmore, Cozier, Mulcahy, Coulter, Quainton and Smith.

In the match played yesterday morning between the pick of the Junior League and an All-Star Wednesday League eleven the juniors again proved too good for their opponents winning out 3-0.

The youngsters were far too fast for the mid-week leaguers and, although the losers put up a great fight, they were forced to admit defeat.

At half-time the juniors were leading 1-0 and in the second half they added a two more counters while they held their opponents scoreless.

WELCOMES TEST

SUZANNE LENGLEN

Paris, Dec. 26.—"I am always glad to meet good players," declared Suzanne Lenglen when asked by L'Auto for her views on the coming of Helen Wills, the California girl, to the Riviera.

"I shall have just as much, if not more, Pleasure in trying conclusions with Miss Wills," Suzanne continued, "as with Miss McKane, Miss Ryan or Mlle. Vlasto. But I must tell you that Miss Wills's coming is the least of my cares. My father, who has been seriously ill, has just undergone a severe operation, and mother and I have been terribly anxious about him lately."

The Australian player J. O. Anderson had this to say to L'Auto concerning Mlle. Lenglen:

"Suzanne is the Norman Brookes of female tennis. I do not believe Miss Wills can win more than two or three games from her, for don't forget that Suzanne in the entire Wimbledon tournament has lost only seven games."

Three Basketball Games Slated For West Road Tuesday

Three fast games will be played at the West Road gymnasium on Tuesday evening, when two local boys' teams will try conclusions. First Church Harmony girls will take on the Standard Steam Laundry girls in what should be a fast encounter.

The Y.M.C.A. Hustlers will meet the senior Saanich team, while the "Y" juniors will tangle with the home midgets. The Y.M.C.A. have been setting a fast pace this year, and will furnish stiff opposition for the fast stepping seniors from the country.

The girlsf' game will create interest as it will be the first time that the ladies have had a chance to show their wares before the West Road fans.

The probable line-ups of the teams follow:

Y.M.C.A. Hustlers—T. Gordon, F. Fraser, H. Brown, guards; G. Chapman, centre; B. Peden, S. Moffat, H. Halkett, forwards.

West Road Juniors—R. Stewart, F. Sutton, L. Styan, guards; R. Kersey, centre; Claud Sluggett, Clarence Sluggett and C. Creed, forwards.

Y.M.C.A. Rovers—Bill Peden and Bert Millick, guards; H. Killick, centre; Harry King, Stan Jackson and Ernie Peden, forwards.

West Road—R. Anderson, G. Styan and G. Mitchell, guards; M. Rice, centre; H. Tubman and C. Hammond, forwards.

Standard Steam Laundry—Lillian Jeune and Mary Barr, guards; Winnie Dodds, centre; Margery Moody, Thelma Holness, Emma Zarelli, forwards; Bill Peden, manager.

Harmony—Elsie Mathews, Gladys Strife, guards; Margaret Henningsen, centre; Jessie Ruddock and Kathleen Slavin, forwards; Winnie Robertson, manager.

Two football teams, made of firemen, played for the championship in Chicago and it may be safely presumed they wound up the season in a blaze of glory.

Flowers Likely to Be Next Opponent of Paul Berlenbach

New York, Dec. 26—Tiger Flowers, Atlantic negro, may be the next opponent of the world's light heavyweight champion, Paul Berlenbach, despite the fact that he lost a ten-round decision to Mike McTigue in Madison Square Garden Wednesday night.

Referee Eddie Purdee, it develops, voted that Flowers had won, while the two judges favored McTigue. And so Berlenbach, who agreed to meet the winner, has decided to wait until he is sure of himself before signing final articles.

St. Andrew's Beat St. Saviour's 4-0

Vancouver, Dec. 26.—In a game marked by loose play, a half-dozen fights and unsatisfactory work on the part of Referee Bowler, St. Andrews defeated St. Saviors yesterday 4-0 in a Pacific Coast League fixture.

In the Allan Cup soccer final, 7,000 fans watched Vancouver Engineers win out 1-0 from the Sapperton team.

Another World's Record for Victoria Club

Use of Resin Will Restore Trickery, Says Billy Evans

Will be Detrimental in End For Baseball and Cause Considerable Trouble

By BILLY EVANS

In baseball, batting now has a decided edge on pitching.

The pitchers have been more or less responsible for their present status.

When given an inch by the rule makers in an effort to increase their effectiveness, the pitchers proceeded to take several yards.

All this is the result of the attempt to put over legislation that will again permit the pitchers to use resin under the surveillance of the umpires.

The National League is sponsor for the movement, the American League has already gone on record as against it. In all probability it will again come up for discussion when the rules committee meets.

While there seems no particular harm in allowing the pitcher to use resin in order that he may be able to get a better grip on the ball, it is the avenue that it opens up for trickery that would prove most harmful.

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The use of resin would unquestionably enable a pitcher to throw a much better curve and incidentally would help in the matter of control.

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It has been suggested that the umpires carry around a bag containing resin, also that a bag be placed on the ground back of the pitcher to be used by him as he sees fit.

As usual the brunt of the dispute that would naturally arise from such legislation, would fall on the arbitrators. Literally the umpires would be holding the bag at all times.

Permitting pitchers to use resin would almost certainly result in another era of trick pitching. Not satisfied with resin, the boxmen would resort to other methods not exactly legal. The use of emery to roughen the ball, a common practice seven or eight years ago, would certainly be revived.

Resorting to trickery, by the way, has played havoc with any number of pitchers. A certain pitcher who was a wizard when able to get away with the use of emery, dropped back to the minors immediately after trick pitching was prohibited.

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Experimenting with dishonest methods caused many a successful pitcher to lose much of his effectiveness when forced to go back to the curve and the fast one.

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Before trick pitching was legislated out of the game it seemed as if the umpires would be forced to take a course in chemistry in order to keep up with the methods of the twirlers.

Likewise a knowledge of detective methods appeared to be a very necessary asset for the successful umpire.

Well do I recall getting a dozen new balls one day to start a game and later discovering that every one of the balls had been cut between the stitching by using a safety razor blade.

Thus, a pitcher by rubbing his nail over the small cuts in the leather, could roughen the ball to any extent he desired. Incidentally the pitcher using such a ball could make it take all kinds of deceptive twists.

The illegal action of that particular pitcher caused a bulletin to be sent to the umpires, calling for all balls to be delivered to them without having the seal on the box broken.

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The use of resin would unquestionably help the pitchers, but in the end it would work to the detriment of the game by opening the way for a revival of dishonest pitching methods.

Bill McKenzie Is Beginning To Like The Fighting Game

Giant Heavyweight From Vancouver Island Woods is Knocking 'em Dead

Seattle, Dec. 23.—William C. McKenzie, former head loader at a lumber camp on Vancouver Island, is now "Wild Bill" McKenzie, heavyweight fighter. A modest, smiling youth is William.

Bill has had four bouts, the first fights in his twenty-two years of life. And he is beginning to like the game that may eventually land him into the class the internal revenue department caters to.

McKenzie in his first encounter at Everett, three weeks ago, won in thirty seconds. His victim, "Bust 'Em" Buskins, negro from Vancouver, B.C., received a broken jaw. Then Wild Bill went on with Al Anderson here two weeks ago, and knocked Al down, carried him to his (McKenzie's) corner and then packed him out of the ring. And last week Bill put away a good boy by the name of Bob Corbett. It took Bill two full rounds and ten seconds of the next to win. This week he licked Art Shearer of Portland in the second round.

SEATTLE IS TALKING

The whole town is talking of Lonnie Austin's white hope. Everyone in the state interested in fisticuffs at all wants to know how McKenzie is coming. Managers are beginning to scour Vancouver Island for heavyweights. There are lots of big men on that body of land, and another likely prospect may be put on the chopping block soon.

McKenzie showed last week that he can take 'em. Corbett, a clever boy, made more clever by Denver Ed Martin, once a great heavyweight, found Wild Bill's face often. But Bill was able to take 'em and then put over a quick right cross that floored the Yakima boy.

This week Shearer hit him a few tough ones, but Bill came back.

"He's slow and don't know much, but, my, how that boy can hit!" said Denver Ed after McKenzie put away his protege. "Just give him more time. He looks as if he should go far. He's slow and green, but, lands, how he can hit."

And Denver Ed Martin should know.

A NICE DREAM

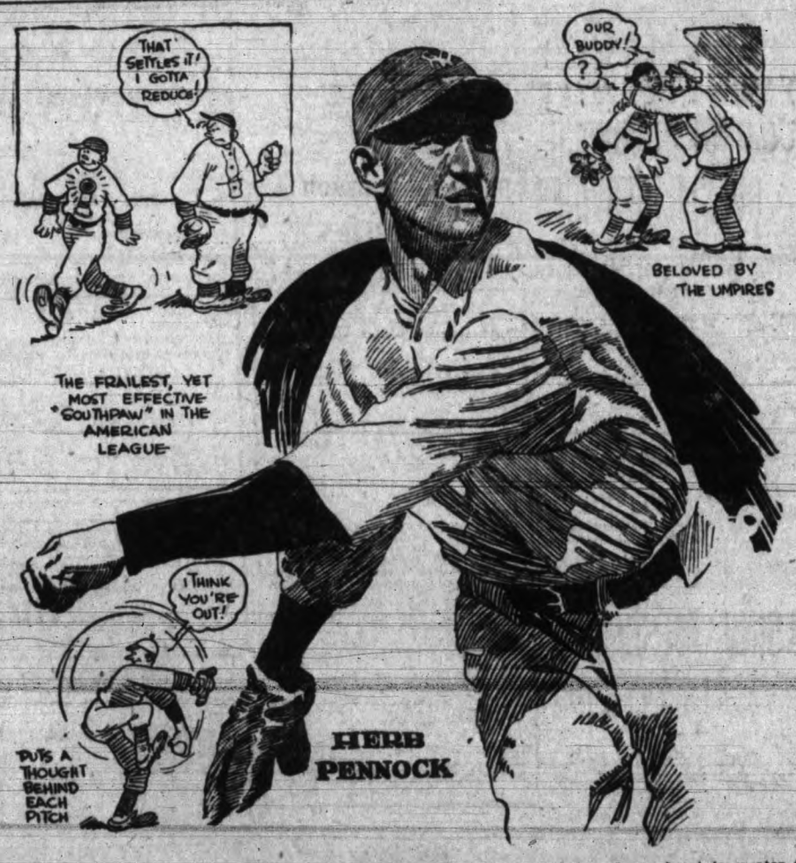
It's not just a dream McKenzie and Lonnie Austin have of reaching championship heights. Wild Bill appears to be living in the right heavyweight age.

Dempsey will soon be through, if he is not already. Then Wills and George Godfrey will soon be on the shelf. And take these three away and who is left? Tunney, Huffman, Stribling and a few others. Most of them are light-heavies.

Stranger things than finding McKenzie the heavyweight champion of the world in three or four years have happened. If any one does stop Wild Bill, chances are it will be a light man with speed. Of course, it's all speculation, but it's food for fans, this speculation on heavyweights.

NO "SET-UPS" AND NO GUARANTEES, SAYS RICKARD

FRAILEST PITCHER IN AMERICAN LEAGUE IS MOST EFFECTIVE; HAS A STRONG HEART



Herb Pennock, star southpaw of the New York Yankees, is real proof that a strong heart is greater than a giant physique as a pitching asset. In civilian clothes or wearing his baseball uniform, one would never select Pennock from a flock of athletes as the most effective southpaw in the American League. He is.

Pennock is frail, has less stuff than a number of other lefthanders in the majors, yet he is a tough bird to beat. The reason, plenty of courage, the will to win and an ideal temperament. Herb Pennock is to the southpaws of the American League what Walter Johnson is to the right-handers. The two have much in common, other than physique. Never once during his career can player, manager or umpire recall an instance where Pennock displayed a peeve. He accepts the breaks of the game as they come, never criticizes a team-mate or uses the umpire as an alibi.

Herb Pennock, as much if not more than Babe Ruth, brought back to the Yankees much of the lost prestige as a result of twice being defeated by the Giants. It was Pennock who stopped McGraw's team in the series of 1923. When Pennock opposed the Giants, McGraw's club had taken eight straight games from the Yanks, including three won at the finish of the 1921 series, and four straight victories, exclusive of the tie in the 1922 event and the opening game of the 1923 classic. Pennock stopped the Giants. That victory made the men of Huggins feel that the jinx was broken, that the Giants could be beaten. Later in the 1923 series he saved the day as relief pitcher for Bob Shawkey and won the all-important deciding game from Artie Nehf.

PENNOCK IS BRAINY PITCHER

In addition to a courageous heart, Pennock possesses intelligence. There is thought behind every ball that he pitches. When a batter who has a weakness faces Pennock that individual can be prepared for the worst. Pennock simply pitches them where the batter doesn't like 'em. Like a number of other American League stars, Herb Pennock is a protege of Connie Mack. Strangely enough, he turned in the best game of his career last season against his old team-mates, beating the Athletics, 1-0, in 15 innings, the Mackmen only four hits. Pennock allowed only 2.81 earned runs per game last season. Some pitching in these days of the lively ball.

Fighters Must Take A Chance In New Garden

No Longer Will Champions be Able to Demand Purses Before They Enter Ring; Rickard Will Bring Along Youngsters, Who After All Really Fight and Are Worth Looking at; Rickard Has Made Other Promotors Gasp

By ROBERT EDGREN

Jess McMahon, who is Tex Rickard's matchmaker at the New Madison Square Garden, broadcasts the sad news that Tex is going to run the big show place on a strictly business basis. No longer will Tex be the world's greatest philanthropist where title-holding boxers are concerned. After this Tex will give no more guarantees. They've cost him a few hundred thousand dollars in the past. Even champions will have to take a chance with Tex and work on a straight percentage. There'll be no more $500,000 guaranteed purses. If any champion gets big money from Rickard after this he'll earn it as a percentage of the gate he draws. Tex will have the pleasure of working on a percentage basis himself, instead of taking the risk of having to pay all the gate money over to the fighters and foot the expense bills out of his own pocket. Tex thinks it will be a novelty to feel sure of getting part of the money earned by his own business venture.

Rickard's new no-guarantee rule will apply to all boxers, from the preliminary boys to the headliners. This makes it unanimous. In the past five or six years, Tex has been regarded as the Santa Claus of the ring and this has made the going tough for the smaller promoters who wanted good attractions, but could not compete with Tex in putting up cold cash to get them.

BIG FELLOWS TAKE TOO MUCH

Rickard lost about $40,000 on the Shade-Walker and the Berlenbach-Slattery bouts, even with outdoor seating capacity. He is said to have lost money on the Dempsey-Firpo fight, which drew a tremendous crowd. Rickard didn't get all of the gate money in that fight. Several other people were strong enough to "horn in" for big blocks of tickets. He lost money on the Brennan-Dempsey fight in old Madison Square Garden, when he paid Dempsey a guaranteed $100,000. At Toledo he barely broke even with Dempsey and Willard, if he did as well as that. He lost with Wilson and Downey in New Jersey. Of course he cleaned up fairly well with many other bouts, or he'd have dropped out long ago. His weekly shows at the old Garden paid a good profit each year.

Several months ago, while the New Garden was building, Rickard told me that running weekly shows with moderate expenses was good business, but the occasional big championship matches were more of a speculation because of the huge purses he had to pay and the many special disbursements necessary for running special events. Rickard didn't express it in exactly that way. He said: "The holdups on a big fight are enough to discourage anybody. They're something fierce."

Champions and near champions always demand twice as much from Rickard as they could expect to get from any other promoter. That's partly Rickard's fault. He started promoting with a gold miner's notion of purses. When he ran his first fight at Goldfield, between Gans and Battling Nelson, he displayed $34,000 in gold coin, the amount of purse, and bonuses paid the fighters, stacked in a drug store window in Goldfield. There were no bandits in those days—or if there were they took no risks in Goldfield. There was no chance to get away across the desert.

RICKARD BIDS HIGHEST

That was a tremendous purse in those days, but Rickard was just starting. He came to New York in 1909 to put in a bid for the proposed Jeffries-Johnson battle. Pop McCary and Jimmy Coffroth, from California, who had just been running many championship bouts, were supposed to be the lads who would get that fight, and other promoters from different parts of the country had hopes. Rickard slipped quietly into town and said nothing about his plans except to two or three friends. There were to be sealed bids, to be opened at a meeting of all concerned, the highest bidder to get the match. The night before the time limit Tex Rickard sat in his hotel room talking with Vincent Treanor, of The Evening World sport staff.

"How high do you think these birds will go?" asked Rickard, of Treanor.

"I don't think any of them will bid over $75,000," said Treanor, "and not even Coffroth will dream of exceeding a flat hundred thousand. Offer $101,000, and you'll surely get it."

GAINED THE HONOR

"That's easy, if it's enough," said Rickard. He bid $101,000, and got the match. Having drawn $69,715 with the little Nelson-Gans bout away out in a desert mining town, Rickard had some idea of what a heavyweight championship bout, with Jeffries brought back to fight a black champion, might draw in San Francisco. It was in San Francisco he intended to hold the fight, July 4, 1910. A few weeks before that date, when he had nearly finished building an arena in Central Park, San Fransisco, and the advance sale had gone over the half million mark, Rickard was suddenly notified that the Governor of California had reversed his attitude and would prevent the bout if he had to call out the militia to do it.

With characteristic decision Rickard notified both fighters to break camp and get ready to travel, placed the advance sale money in a bank with orders to refund to all who wanted to cancel their tickets, took the first train to Reno, Nevada, got Governor Dixon's backing before night, and the next day had contractor James McLoughlin in Reno at work on a new arena. It was a sudden shift of battle grounds that would have been a credit to Napoleon. The tremendous energy of Rickard overcame all obstacles. His new arena, finished the morning of the fight, was packed with spectators from all over the world, and the gate of $270,000 left him a profit and gave him his real start in big promoting. Rickard paid the fighters the $101,000 purse, with expense money, and handed Jeffries a cheque for $10,000, while he had verbally offered Jeffries a year before as a bonus for signing the articles.

The day the Jeffries-Johnson bids were opened Jimmy Coffroth, who had bid much less than a hundred thousand, said laughingly, "Rickard's offer looks crazy to me. No fight in America ever drew over $70,000. I'm perfectly satisfied to be out of it and let Tex have it. I'll buy me a ringside seat and look on and see whether Tex is a smart fellow or a nut."

HURT THE RECEIPTS

Other promoters felt the same way about it. But Rickard had real vision, and the energy to make his plans come through. As a plain fact, if Governor Gillette hadn't interfered in San Francisco, Rickard would have drawn a gate of not less than $750,000 in the city by the Golden Gate.

RICKARD A SQUARE DEALER

Rickard moved his activities to New York, after a few years of cattle ranching in Paraguay, and shocked the local promoters out of their boots by giving Jess Willard $46,250 to box ten no-decision rounds with Frank Moran. Rickard expected to get Willard for $40,000, and told Moran he'd give him half as much. He had no written contract with Moran. After the fight he paid Moran off, handing him a cheque. Moran looked at it and said, "Why, Mr. Rickard, there's some mistake. This cheque reads $23,125, and you offered me $20,000."

"No," said Rickard. "I told you I'd get Willard for $40,000, and give you half as much. I had to pay him more. You get half as much as I paid him. And, by George, you certainly were worth it if he was."

That was Rickard's way of doing business—no haggling, and a square deal for the other fellow. At that he could afford it. The fight drew $151,523, then a world's record for an indoor and a no-decision contest. The more timid promoters threw up their hands.

Rickard paid Jess Willard a flat $100,000 for fighting Dempsey at Toledo, and Dempsey 26,000. Dempsey was satisfied with that, and would have fought Willard for nothing to get a chance at the championship. Rickard took in a gate of $452,523, which about covered his expenses. He built a huge arena, which was less than half filled because of a blunder outside of his control. Toledo hotel men, anxious to get the increased rates charged fight guests, and wishing to keep the traffic with commercial travelers and regular business patrons down as much as possible for the week of the fight, advertised all over the country advising people to "stay away from Toledo" during the fight week as all hotel accomodations were taken and visitors would have to sleep in the parks. This was a boomerang. Thousands of fight patrons who didn't care to sleep in parks cancelled their fight tickets and railroad reservations and stayed at home. The hotels were not filled, a bunch of local business men who had leased a building and put in a thousand cots had just three guests the night before the fight, and Rickard's huge arena showed acres of bare boards when the fight began.

Tex broke all world's records by drawing $1,626,550 with Dempsey and Carpentier, and paid the fighters a guaranteed purse of half a million dollars. When Tex signed Dempsey and Carpentier he had two partners, Billy Brady, of New York and Cochrane of England, and they both felt so worried over that "foolish" half million dollar purse that they suggested they drop out and let Tex go it alone. Tex accepted. He never worried over the half million. Incidently as stake-holder I was to get that money from Rickard twenty-four hours before the fight. He gave it to me eight days before, taking it out of the advance sale. Tex made enough out of that fight to afford to lose on a few others.

The Firpo-Dempsey fight drew over a million again—to be exact, $1,188,823. Rickard paid Dempsey $475,000, his guarantee increased by the percentage, and Firpo his guaranteed $100,000. If Rickard had been running that show in his own arena, in full control, he would have made a neat clean-up, but there were other clever business men who got into the money, or a large part of it.

HELP THE "COMERS"

Now, with his New Madison Square Garden, with a seating capacity of 17,842 and standing room for thousands more, in the boxing arena alone, Rickard can run championship bouts on his own ground and entirely under his own control. The great five million dollar building has many other departments and is fitted up for many other sports, from indoor six-day bike racing to ice hockey—which makes Tex independent of boxing. The boxing arena, being the biggest under cover, offers the best place to hold championship bouts through the Winter season and a mighty good one even in the Summer months. The fighters will have to come to Rickard or travel around in the sticks picking up easy money in small bouts with soft opponents. Some may prefer that. For there's one more thing Rickard has told Jess McMahon. No guarantees—and no set-ups. Champions must meet real opponents if they fight for Rickard. The matchmaker will select the matches, and those who aren't willing to risk a real fight can stay away.

One thing I've noticed, as an effect of Rickard's new venture, every successful fighter who wins a championship in his home state or beats a traveling boxer from New York plans immediately to go to Gotham town and get a match in the new big arena where they can show their wares to the big crowd and get into the real money. These boys won't yell for guarantees. The percentages will look like fortunes to them. And after all these are the fellows—the comers—who really fight and are worth looking at. They deliver the goods. They are fresh and eager, not blase and experienced veterans who have reached the top and are interested only in hanging on as long as they can.

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Non-Scoring Record Set Up By The Cougars

World's Champions Played Two Hours, Sixteen Minutes and Forty-four Seconds Without Either Scoring a Goal or Having One Scored Against Them; Unique in History of Hockey; Victoria Holds Record for Longest Game

Not satisfied with holding the world's record for a long-distance game the Victoria Cougars, holders of Stanley Cup, emblematic of the world's championship, last week finished setting up a marathon mark for non-scoring.

The Cougars went 2 hurs, 16 minutes and 44 seconds without either scoring a goal or having one scored against them. That is exactly two full games and the best part of a period of a third one. There is a record that is liable to defy the activities of professional hockey for a goodly period.

It all came about this way.

In a game against the Vancouver Maroons here on December 9, the Cougars tied up the score on Hart's shot, four minutes and forty-three seconds after the second period had started. There was no further scoring in that period, a total of fifteen minutes, seventeen seconds. The third period of twenty minutes was scorless. Ten minutes of overtime failed to produce a score. Helgy Bostrum, the powerful Vancouver substitute, scored a goal from a penalty shot four seconds before time, but President Richardson upheld the protest of Lester Patrick and the goal was washed out. In that game the Cougars played forty-five minutes and seventeen seconds without either scoring or being scored against.

The Calgary Tigers visited here on December 12 and the teams played three full periods and overtime, a total of seventy minutes, without a score being made. This made an aggregate of 115 minutes and 17 seconds in which the champions had neither been scored on nor counted a goal for themselves.

On December 16 the Cougars paid their first visit to Portland and neither side scored a goal in the first period. The second period had gone one minute and twenty-seven seconds when Townsend finally beat Happy Holmes, the Victoria goalie, and ended the phenomenal record of the champions. A total of 136 minutes and 44 seconds, or two hours, sixteen minutes and forty-four seconds, has elapsed since Hart had scored his goal against Vancouver.

Victoria tied the score in Portland in the third period and it meant that the champions went a total of two hours, thirty-nine minutes and forty-one seconds without scoring a goal. This game also went into overtime and it made the third overtime game in succession for the Cougars, also a record. In the overtime games with Vancouver and Calgary there was no decision, but Portland recorded a victory over Victoria.

This non-scoring record of the Cougars recalls the famous overtime game played here on March 4, 1921, when Victoria and the Seattle Mets battled for six full periods without coming to a decision. It was the longest game on record and it resulted in the league officials bringing into effect the new rule which restricted overtime play to one full period. This year the league has reduced the overtime period still further to ten minutes. The game between the Cougars and Seattle was the first draw in hockey and resulted in the introduction of a draw column in the league standings, and changed the method of scoring from the percentage system to points.

In that memorable overtime game the Cougars were leading by one goal in the third period, Wilf Loughlin giving Victoria the advantage shortly after the interval. Frank Foyston came right back and scored for Seattle. The clubs battled through the remainder of this period without a score.

PLAYERS EXHAUSTED

The first overtime period went by without a score, and then the second passed along. The tired athletes were called out for a third period and they skated with their tongues out. Near the close they were so exhausted that they could hardly lift the puck with their sticks. It became apparent that the players would never be able to beat the goalies, who were still alert and able to care for the weak shots.

Lester Patrick, manager of Victoria, and Pete Muldoon, of Seattle, held a conference and decided that it would be tempting Providence to send the men back on the ice. It was then fifteen minutes after midnight and the fans were just about as weary as the players, but they refused to go home. Lester and Pete took the law into their own hands and called off the game. The fans figured it was a satisfactory ending. A conference of the officials of the Pacific Coast Hockey Association was held and they called the game a draw, awarding one point to each club. That introduced the draw game in hockey.

The game was staged in honor of "Moose" Johnson, the veteran of the Victoria club. The rink was packed to its capacity. No one will ever forget "Moose Johnson Night" in Victoria.

It is interesting to note that several players who figured in the "Moose Johnson" game were participants in the long non-scoring record of the Victoria Cougars.

Clem Loughlin, captain of the Cougars, played defence for Victoria on March 4, 1921, and he went through the two hours of play without a relief. In the Calgary-Victoria scorless game here on December 12, he was the only man, outside the goalies, who was not off the ice for a breather. He is the real "iron man" of hockey to-day.

"Happy" Holmes, who guards the nets for the champions, was playing against them on "Moose Johnson Night." He was in the nets for Seattle.

Eddie Oatman played for Victoria against Seattle, and he wore the Calgary uniform in the lengthy scoreless draw with Victoria.

Frank Frederickson and Harry Meeking were two other Cougars who figured in both long-distance records.

Gordon Meeking played for Victoria four years ago and he refereed the game between Victoria and Vancouver in which the long non-scoring mark of the Cougars started.

The Victoria Cougars, besides holding the Stanley Cup, possess the record of the longest game in history, the longest non-scoring series, the longest overtime draw and the record for consecutive overtime games. Quite a list.

NEWS AND NOTES OF THE CHURCHES

United Church of Canada

"That they all may be one."

Metropolitan United Church

Cor. Pandora and Quadra
REV. W. J. SIPPRELL, D.D., Pastor
REV. A. K. McMINN, B.A.
Associate Pastor and Director of Religious Education
G. A. Downard, Choirmaster — E. Parsons, Organist

10 a.m.—Class Meetings
11 a.m.—**"From Cradle to Throne"—Dr. Sipprell**
Anthem—"O Zion, That Bringest Good Tidings" ..... Stainer
Soprano Solo—Selected—Mrs. Geo. Reid.
2.30 p.m.—Sunday School Session
7.30 p.m.—**"Two Great Events in 1925"—Dr. Sipprell**
Carol Service:
"Adeste Fidelis" ..... Novello
Carol—"The First Noel" ..... Traditional
Carol—"The Heralding Star" ..... Adams
Carol—"There Was Silence" ..... Stainer
Carol—"Ring Out, Wild Bells" ..... Fletcher
Tambourine Chorus
A GREAT NIGHT OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE

Handel's "Messiah"

At JAMES BAY CHURCH
7.30 p.m. Sunday Night by an
Augmented Choir of 50 Voices
5.30 p.m.—Open Session of Sunday School. Speaker—Rev. J. C. Goodfellow
The Pastor will conduct both services
11 a.m.—Subject: **"OUR PILGRIMAGE"**

FAIRFIELD UNITED CHURCH

Moss Street
Pastor: REV. R. W. LEE, 320 Moss St., Phone 2550-R
Organist and Choir Leader: MAJOR H. WATTS
SUNDAY NEXT
11 a.m.—**"MILESTONES"**
2.30 p.m.—Sabbath School
7.30 p.m.
"No Room in the Inn" or "Christ or Chaos"
The following questions will be answered:
1. Is Victoria's religious state well balanced?
2. Has Victoria real stability in religious matters?
3. Is Christianity simply a highly developed humanitarianism?
4. Why I'm not a member of the Klu Klux Klan.
5. What message has 1925 for 1926?
Soloist, Mrs. E. C. Wilderspin

First United Church

(Formerly First Presbyterian Church)
Corner Quadra Street and Balmoral Road
Assistant Minister: Rev. J. C. Goodfellow — Minister: Rev. W. G. Wilson, M.A., D.D. — Precentor: Jackson Hanby
SUNDAY SERVICES
11 a.m.—Public Worship. **REV. J. C. GOODFELLOW** will preach.
7.30 p.m.—Public Worship. Rev. Dr. Wilson will preach.
A cordial invitation is extended to all to unite in worship with this congregation.

CENTENNIAL UNITED CHURCH

Gorge Road — Rev. J. P. Westman, Pastor
11 a.m.—**"HAS JESUS COME TO EARTH AGAIN?"**
7.30 p.m.—**"FACING THE FUTURE. THE PLACE OF YOUTH IN OUR PROBLEMS"**
Special Music. Choir of 40 Girls
Soloists—Mr. A. Sullivan, Bass; Mr. W. A. Pickard, Tenor
Let us end the year with enthusiasm
HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

Victoria West United Church

McPherson Avenue. — Rev. W. M. Scott, Pastor
11 a.m.—**"CHRISTMAS MESSAGE"**
Special Music by Girls' Choir
"The Angel's Refrain," Sextette, by Members of Choir
7.30 p.m.—Sermon Subject, **"SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS"**
Special Music: "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night"; Male Quartette, "Sleep, Holy Babe"

St. Columba, Oak Bay

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
Mitchell and Granite Streets
Rev. J. H. White, M.A.
Sunday School, 2.30 p.m. — All Welcome

Hampshire and Belmont

Belmont Avenue, 11 a.m.—Hampshire Road, 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.
Rev. Frank Hardy, Pastor — Rev. Wm. Elliott, Assistant

Watch Night Service—A Watch Night Service will be held at the Gorge Presbyterian Church on Thursday evening at 10.30 o'clock. There will be no prayer meeting on Thursday evening at the Erskine Presbyterian Church, Harriet Road, so as all the friends will be present at the Gorge. The pastor will lead the service. Those attending are asked to bring Tabernacle hymn books.

ARCHBISHOP TO PREACH AT ST. JOHN'S SUNDAY

First Visit to Victoria Since Appointment; Special Services

The festival of St. John the Evangelist will be fittingly observed in St. John's Church on Sunday. At 8 a.m. there will be Holy Communion and at 11 a.m. the Bishop of the Diocese, Rt. Rev. C. de V. Schofield, will officiate and preach the sermon. There will be a "Te Deum" of praise, as a special act of Thanksgiving to mark the wiping out of the last remaining debt on St. John's Church.

The Most Rev. Archbishop de Pencier, is to preach at the evening service, this being the first visit of His Grace to Victoria since his appointment to the Archbishopric. Members of the Masonic Order have been invited and it is expected that large numbers of church people generally will be present. There will be an organ recital from 7 o'clock to 7.30 immediately preceding the service.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MUSIC OFFERED AT ST. ANDREW'S

Presbyterian Service of Praise on Sunday Evening

To-morrow evening at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, a Christmas service of praise will be held, and the following music will be given:

Organ—(a) "Pastorale Intermezzo," Ashmall; (b) "Cantilene Pastorale," Guilmant.

Anthem—"Sing, O Heavens," Hollins.

Solo—"Jesu Bambino," (Von), Mrs. Jesse Longfield.

Anthem—"O Little Town of Bethlehem," Ashmall.

Solo—"Noel," (Adam), Mr. Petrie.

Carol anthem—"The Christmas Story," (Heartez), solos by Miss Jean Black, Mrs. Longfield and Mr. F. W. Frances.

Organ—"Andante and Allegro in D," (Bache).

The usual Christmas hymns will also be sung.

PRESBYTERIANS PLAN NEW YEAR'S RALLY

Sunday Schools of City Will Meet at St. Andrew's

The Presbyterian Sunday schools of the city will hold a rally on New Year's Day at St. Andrew's Church, commencing at 11 o'clock. The different schools are asked to be in their places not later than ten minutes to eleven.

It is expected this will be a very representative gathering of Sunday school pupils and teachers. The ground floor of the church will be sectioned off for the various schools, while the gallery will be reserved for parents and friends. The programme, which is now being prepared, will include a number of interesting items. The music will be under the direction of Jesse Longfield.

BAPTIST SCHOLARS CHRISTMAS CONCERT NEXT WEDNESDAY

The scholars of the Emmanuel Baptist Sunday school will hold their annual Christmas concert Wednesday evening, December 30, commencing at 7.30 o'clock in the schoolroom. Under the direction of Fred Parfitt they will present a cantata entitled "The Christmas Glory," assisted by the Sunday school orchestra. In addition several class items will be given, including dialogues, etc., also the primary exercises. Preceding the concert a banquet will be provided for the scholars under the supervison of Mrs. C. Clapham and the Ladies' Aid.

THE "ROCKING CHAIR" CHURCH—Haines City, Fla., has a unique house of worship in the Memorial Christian Church, better known as the "rocking chair church." Instead of pews the interior is filled with long rows of old-fashioned rocking chairs. Photo shows the interior of the church, with an inset of Eugene C. Bryan, "cracker mayor" of Haines City, who built it.

FINAL SERVICES TO BE HELD IN OLD BAPTIST CHURCH

A large attendance of members and friends of the congregation of the First Baptist Church is anticipated to-morrow on the occasion of the final public services in the present building, satisfactory arrangements having been concluded with the Metropolitan United Church Board for the use of the former Congrational Church building in the future.

At the Sunday school in the afternoon a special rally service is called in an effort to surpass all previous records of attendance.

The annual Christmas entertainment will be held on Tuesday evening, when the Christmas cantata "In the Christmas Glow" will be rendered by the school, every department of which has some part in the programme.

In addition to this the different classes are bringing in special gifts and there will be a distribution of Robert Raike's attendance diplomas to the scholars who have been faithful during the year.

The members of the school are looking forward to the enlarged opportunity that will be theirs in the use of a properly equipped building.

REV. R. W. LEE WILL PREACH ON "MILESTONES"

Sunday being the last Sunday of the year, services and subjects in keeping with the occasion will be held to-morrow. At the morning service Rev. R. W. Lee will preach on "Milestones." In the evening the subject will be "No Room in the Inn," or "Christ or Chaos?" During the address Mr. Lee will answer several questions including the following:

1 Is Victoria's religious life well balanced?

2 Has Victoria real stability in religious matters?

3 Is Christianity simply a highly developed humanitarianism?

4 Why I'm not a member of the Klu Klux Klan?

5 What message has 1925 for 1926?

The solist for the evening will be E. C. Wilderspin.

WHITE GIFT SERVICE AT EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH ON SUNDAY

A White Gift service will be held in Emmanuel Baptist Church on Sunday morning. The church will be beautifully decorated for the occasion, the platform being in white. A special order of service will be followed. The anthem by the choir will be "Christians Awake" (Manuder). Favorite Christmas hymns and carols will be sung. The following will take part: cornet solo, G. H. E. Green; Christmas story, Miss Nina Rigby; "The Legend of Cathay," Miss Margaret Woodward; recitation, "The Three Kings," Kenneth Webster; girls' chorus, "Bethlehem's Lullaby." The Rev. Henry Knox will deliver a short address. All will have an opportunity to present gifts to Christ the King. Emmanuel and Shelbourne Street Sunday School will be present at this service.

The evening service will be almost wholly choral and one in which the congregation will unite in singing well known hymns and carols. Hymns—"O Come All Ye Faithful," "All My Heart This Night Rejoices" and "As With Gladness Men of Old." Carols, "On The Birthday of The Lord" (Dykes) and "While Shepherds Watched." Carol by choir, "Holy Night." Anthem, "Adeste Fidelies" (Novello), anthem, "Magnificat," (Ebdon in C); chorus, "O Thou That Tellest" (Messiah); chorus "Gloria" (Mozart); bass solo, "For Behold Darkness Shall Cover The Earth," "The People That Walked in Darkness" (Messiah), F. E. Rowley. Ivor Parifit will preside at the organ and Fred Parfitt will direct the choir.

'CRADLE TO THRONE' IS PASTOR'S THEME

Service of Praise and Christmas Carols at Metropolitan

Rev. Dr. Sipprell will speak on this subject at Metropolitan United Church on Sunday morning, and will bring a message of hope to all. He will give an unusual interpretation of the cradle of Christ, and will show how the basic element in Christian religion, as interpreted by Jesus Himself lies in the attitude assumed toward brother men. "Much of our conception of religion is anti-Christian," he says, "and we have lost to a great degree the simplicity of primitive Christianity by the tendency to render complex and mysterious what was simple and plain to the thought of the early church."

In the evening Dr. Sipprell will speak a brief message upon "Two Great Events in 1925." The evening service will be particularly a service of praise by the choir, when four beautiful Christmas carols will be rendered and the service will close with the "Hallelujah Chorus."

CENTENNIAL CHURCH SPECIAL SERVICES

Pastor Will Deliver Messages Appropriate to Season

The close of the old year will be recognized by special services in Centennial Church on Sunday. The pastor has been asked several times if he believes in the second coming of Christ to this earth. He will answer this question on Sunday morning, and invites all those interested in this question to be present. Mr. Westman will endeavor to trace the developing of the Christian conception. In the evening the subject will be, "Facing the Future." Here will be a special message for to-day, and will apply to all, while it is directly directed toward youth. A special choir of forty or more girls will lead in the singing. In addition to these A. Sullivan and W. A. Pickard will be the special soloists.

TO SING "MESSIAH" AT JAMES BAY

Choir Augmented to Fifty Voices For Evening Service

At the James Bay Church on Sunday night, Handel's "Messiah" will be rendered by the choir augmented to fifty voices, from some of the finest talent in the city, the service to commence at 7.30 p.m. The conductor will by J. W. Buckler and Ira Dilworth will preside at the piano. The solo parts will be sustained by Mrs. S. Eden, Mrs. Kennedy, Mrs. F. L. Tupman, Joe Harmon and Frank Tupman. The following numbers will be given: Recitation, "Comfort Ye My People"; aria, "Every Valley Shall Be Exalted"; chorus, "And the Glory of the Lord Shall Be Revealed"; recitation, "For Behold Darkness"; aria, "The People that Walked in Darkness"; chorus, "For Unto Us a Child is Born"; aria, "He Shall Feed His Flock"; chorus, "Behold the Lamb of God"; aria, "He Was Despised"; recitation, "All They That See Him"; Chorus, "He Trusted in God"; recitation, "Thy Rebuke Hath Broken His Heart"; recitation, "Behold and See"; recitation, "He Was Cut Off"; recitation, "But Thou Didst Not Leave His Soul in Hell"; chorus, "Hallelujah"; chorus, "Worthy Is the Lamb That Was Slain."

The pastor will preach at the morning service, and will deliver a message for the New Year on "Our Pilgrimage."

There will be an open session of the Sunday School on Sunday afternoon at 2.30 p.m., to which the general public are cordially invited, and at which the Rev. J. C. Goodfellow will deliver an address.

Carol Singing at Children's Service

At St. Mary's Church, Oak Bay, on Sunday afternoon commencing at 3 o'clock there will be a short service for members of the Sunday School, their parents and friends, to be followed with singing. As it is expected that all members of the family of everyone attending the Sunday School will be at this service those who can be at the church early are asked to do so.

CONGREGATIONS TO UNITE FOR SERVICE

At St. Columba United Church to-morrow morning the service will be taken by Rev. J. H. White, M.A. In the evening the congregation of Hampshire Road United Church will join with the congregation of St. Columba's for worship, when the service will be taken by the Rev. Frank Hardy.

ANGLICAN

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL — Sunday after Christmas. Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; Matins and sermon, 11 a.m., preacher, the Archdeacon of Columbia; Choral Evensong and sermon, 7.30 p.m., preacher, the Dean of Columbia. Sunday School (in Memorial Hall): Senior classes, 9.45 a.m.; Junior classes, 11 a.m. Very Rev. C. S. Quainton, D.D., Dean and Rector.

ST. JOHN'S, Quadra Street. Anniversary service. St. John's Day. 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Morning Prayer, preacher, the Rt. Rev. C. de V. Schofield, Bishop of British Columbia; 2.30 p.m., children's service, preacher, Rev. Arnold Turner; 7.30 p.m., Evensong preacher, the Most Rev. A. U. de Pencier, Archbishop of British Columbia. A hearty invitation to all to attend these services. Rector, Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick, M.A.

ST. PAUL'S ROYAL NAVAL STATION AND GARRISON CHURCH, Esquimalt. 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 10.30 a.m., Morning Prayer and sermon; 2.30 p.m., children's Christmas service and prize giving; 7 p.m., Evensong and carol service. Frederic C. Chapman, B.A., chaplain and rector.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, Elgin Road, Oak Bay. Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; Matins and sermon, 11 a.m.; children's carol service, 3 p.m.; Evensong and carols, 7 p.m. Rector, Rev A. E. de L. Nunns.

BAPTIST

EMMANUEL—Rev. Henry Knox, pastor. Mr. F. Parfitt, musical director. 11 a.m., "White Gift Service." Sunday Schools in attendance; anthems, carols, cornet solo, Christmas stories, etc. 7.30 p.m., Christmas Service of Praise: anthems, "Adeste Fidelis" (Novello), "Magnificat" (Ebdon in C); choruses, "O Thou That Tellest" (Messiah) and "Gloria" (Mozart); Christmas carols and hymns; bass solo, "For Behold Darkness Shall Cover the Earth," "The People That Walked in Darkness" (Messiah), F. E. Rowley.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, Chambers and Pandora Ave. Services 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. Subject for Sunday, Dec. 27, "Christian Science." Testimonial Meeting, Wednesday, 8 p.m. Reading Room and Lending Library, 612 Sayward Building, daily, except Sunday, 10 to 9; Wednesday, 10 to 7. Visitors are welcome to the services and to the Reading Room.

SECOND CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST—Services Sundays, 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. Testimonial meetings Wednesdays, 8 p.m., K. of P. Hall, 842 North Park Street. Subject for to-morrow, "Christian Science." Sunday School, 11 and 12 o'clock. All welcome to the services, Reading Room and Lending Library, 513 Central Building, 12 to 5, except Sundays. 3301-1-146

LUTHERAN

ST. PAUL'S, Princess and Chambers. Rev. E. R. Pflueger of Vancouver will hold a special service at 10 and regular service at 11, with Communion. Children's Christmas programme Saturday, Dec. 26, at 7.30 p.m. 3373-1-151

PRESBYTERIAN

KNOX, 3025 Stanley Avenue. Sabbath services, 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. Rev. Joseph McCoy, M.A., D.D., Minister.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

Cor. Douglas and Broughton Streets
Rev. W. Leslie Clay, D.D., Minister
DECEMBER 27, 1925
9.45 a.m.—Sabbath School
11 a.m.—Morning Service. Sermon, **"HIS NAME"**
Solo—"The First Christmas Morn" ..... Newton
Miss Melville
Anthem—"O Come, All Ye Faithful" ..... Novello
7.30 p.m.—Evening Service (Christmas Music). Sermon
"THE SACRIFICE OF PRAISE"
Anthem—"Sing O Heavens" ..... Hollins
Solo—"Jesu Bambino" ..... Von
Mrs. Jesse Longfield
Anthem—"O Little Town of Bethlehem" ..... Ashmall
Solo—"Noel" ..... Adam
Mr. James Petrie
Carol Anthem—"The Christmas Story" ..... Heartz
Solos by Miss Jean Black, Mrs. Jesse Longfield and Mr. Francis
A very hearty and cordial invitation is extended to all to come and join in these services
On New Year's Day the Young People's Society and the Sabbath School will hold a Rally in the Church Auditorium. The service will commence at 11 o'clock in the morning

Presbyterian Sunday School Rally

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH NEW YEAR'S DAY

In which all Presbyterian Schools in the City will participate.
Each School will be given a section of the Church. Gallery reserved for parents and friends.
The service will commence promptly at 11 o'clock.

GORGE, Tillicum Road. Sunday morning service, 11 o'clock. "A Closing Message for the Year," by the Pastor. No prayer meeting on Tuesday, but a watch night service on Thursday evening at 10.30 o'clock. A hearty welcome to all. Rev. Daniel Walker, minister.

ERSKINE, Harriet Road. Sunday evening service, 7 o'clock. Rev. W. J. Knott will preach. No prayer meeting Thursday evening, but a watch night service at Gorge Church 10.30 o'clock. A welcome for all. Rev. Daniel Walker, pastor.

CITY TEMPLE

(Incorporated)
CLEM DAVIES, Minister
9.45 a.m.—School of Religious Education.
11 a.m.
Christmas Service and Sermon, 11 a.m.
Dr. Davies' subject:
"What Are the Good Tidings?"
The Choir sings:
Carol—"O Little Town of Bethlehem" ..... A. Walford Davies
Chorus—"Nazareth" ..... Gounod
Carol—"The Blessed Birth" ..... Davies
NIGHT—7 to 7.30 p.m.
Rendition of Carols and Music by Orchestra
Oliver R. Stout conducting
Dr. Davies on
"THE EPIC OF CHRISTMAS"
Selections From "MESSIAH"
Chorus—"And the Glory." Alto Recit.—"Then Shall the Eyes."
Alto Recit.: "Behold a Virgin."
Alto Air—"He Shall Feed His Flock."
Air and Chorus: "O Thou That Tellest."
Soprano Recit. — "There Were Shepherds," "And lo the Angel," "And the Angel Said," "And Suddenly."
Soprano Air — "I Know That My Redeemer."
Chorus—"Glory to God."
Orchestra—"Pastoral Symphony."
Principals—Soprano, Mrs. Edward Parsons; contralto, Mrs. Georgina Watt; accompanist, F. Grace Deaville; directors, Frederick Waddington; conductor of orchestra, Oliver R. Stout.
Sop. Air—"Rejoice Greatly."
"WHERE RELIGION CHEERS"

THE VICTORY TEMPLE

1421 Douglas Street
SPECIAL VISIT OF
EVANGELIST MARY T. MILLER
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27
11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.
WEEKDAYS at 7.45 p.m.
HEAR THE ROMANTIC LIFE STORY OF MRS. MILLER
On Wednesday, December 30, at 7.45 p.m. Hearty Welcome to All

"The First and Second Advent of Christ"

Speaker—H. C. BICKELL
SUNDAY, 7.30 p.m. AT "THE PLAYHOUSE," YATES STREET
Auspices International Bible Students' Association
Seats Free — All Welcome — No Collection

UNITY CENTRE

600 Campbell Building — ... Gordon ...rant, Leader.
11 a.m.—Speaker, Miss Mortson
7.30 p.m.—Speaker, Mrs. Gordon Grant
Sunday School, 11 a.m.—H. E. Hall-Wright, Superintendent
Tuesday, 3 o'clock—Rest and Healing Hour.
Thursday, 8 p.m.—Study Class
Noon Prosperity Silence, Every Day, Except Saturday.
Office Hours, 2 to 4. Reading Room is open every day from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

NEW THOUGHT TEMPLE

935 Pandora Avenue
ARTHUR F. BARTON, District President of the I.N.T.A. will speak at both services
11 a.m.—**"BUILDING YOUR OWN ENVIRONMENT"**
7.30 p.m.—**"THE ORIGIN AND DESTINY OF MAN"**
Wednesday, 8 p.m.—**"PRODUCING CONVICTION"**
All Are Welcome. — Freewill Offering
Chesley Coming for January 3rd

New Thought Centre

Orange Hall, Courtney St.
Dr. T. W. Butler Will Speak at 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.
Subjects:
11 a.m.—**"THE NEW RELIGION OF LIFE"**
7.30 p.m.—**"WHAT WILL THE NEW YEAR MEAN TO YOU?"**
Children's School
Wednesday Meeting, 8 p.m., at 24 Mount Edwards Apts. All are invited

Sunday, December 27, Lecture
"THE MASTER KEY"
Christadelphian Hall

Seats Free — 1105 Wharf Street, Off Fort — No Collection

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Cor. Yates and Quadra Streets
Preacher To-morrow: REV. J. R. TURNBULL
11 a.m.—**"THE UNVEILING OF GOD'S GRACE"**
7.30 p.m.—**"THE GREAT FEAST"**
Special Christmas Music by Selected Young People's Choir
Soloists—Miss Gladys Thorpe, Messrs. Mitchell and Turnbull
Sunday School Session, 2.30 p.m.
Annual Christmas Entertainment, Tuesday, 8 p.m.
Commencing Sunday, January 3rd, all services will be held in former Congregational Church Building, cor. Quadra and Mason Streets.

ROSICRUCIAN FELLOWSHIP

SUNDAY Service, 8 p.m., 729 Pemberton Building.

SPIRITUAL

FIRST SPIRITUAL CHURCH, 724 Fort Street. Service 7.30 p.m. All welcome.

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS — 1829 Fern Street, off Fort. Meeting for worship, 11 a.m.; Evening meeting, 7.30.

THEOSOPHY

VICTORIA THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, Independent, 101 Union Bank Building. Sunday, 8 p.m., subject, "The Real Christmas." All welcome.

UNITARIAN

UNITARIAN CHURCH, corner of Fernwood and Balmoral Roads. Morning service only, 11 o'clock. Public cordially invited.

The Great Pyramid of Egypt

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SECOND SECTION

Victoria Daily Times

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VICTORIA, B.C., SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1925

EXCURSION RATES TAKE SLIGHT RISE

Both Eastbound and Westbound Traffic in 1926 Season Affected

Both eastbound and westbound excursion fares across the continent show a general increase in the neighborhood of five per cent. for the May-September season in 1926, according to figures released to-day by local representatives of the lines.

Commencing on May 22 eastbound low rates go into effect, but they will be five per cent. over the fare asked in the season just passed. The tickets will be sold from May 22 to September 15, with a return limit of October 31.

The westbound excursion rates start with the sale of tickets on May 15, up to September 30, with the same return limit as in the case of eastbound traffic. Westbound rates, too, will be up about five per cent. in the new tariff on excursions agreed to by all transcontinental lines.

SWEDISH VESSEL LOST HER RUDDER

Ss. Carsholm, From Stockholm to U.S. Ports, Rigs Jury Rudder

Halifax, Dec. 26. — The Swedish steamship Carsholm, 2,165 tons, has lost her rudder and rudderpost, according to a wireless message from her received here by the Halifax agency of the Department of Marine and Fisheries. The captain stated an attempt was being made to rig a jury rudder. The Carsholm is on her way from Stockholm to a United States port.

ACCIDENTS CAUSED SCORE OF DEATHS

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policeman, fell down a stairway while going to attend to the furnace and broke his neck.

Two were killed at Visalia, California, when an automobile in which they were driving to a Christmas celebration leaped a fifteen-foot ditch and crashed into a tree.

ST. LOUIS DEATHS

Nine deaths were the toll last night of Yuletide merrymakers in St. Louis. Seven were killed in traffic accidents Christmas Eve and yesterday. A youth was fatally burned while playing Santa Claus at a Christmas tree in his home, and a man was shot and killed in an altercation during a Christmas beer party.

Mrs. Martha Brown and her daughter Esther were trapped in their automobile near Columbus when it skidded across a traction line and died from injuries.

Isolated accidents swelled the total.

WOMAN ENDED LIFE

Tragedies of a contrasting note were brought forth.

Despondent over the fact that there were no children in her family on whom to lavish Christmas cheer, Mrs. Nellie Curran, fifty, of Baltimore, committed suicide.

At El Paso, Texas, seven children were suddenly left motheless when Juan Aguilar shot and killed Mrs. Carmen Nojeda, thirty, in whose house he roomed, following an argument over who would buy provisions for the Christmas dinner.

Sidney

Special to The Times

Sidney, Dec. 26.—The regular weekly meeting of the Sidney Social Club was held in Matthews Hall. Winners of the first prizes were Mrs. A. Critchley, Mrs. T. Lidgate, T. Lidgate and R. McKay. The ladies' highest bid was won by Mrs. J. Hambley and the gentlemen's by W. Watson. The hostesses for the evening were Mrs. R. MacAuley and Mrs. T. Lidgate.

Special Christmas services are to be held in the United Church on Sunday. Carol singing is to start at 7.15, and the service will be held at 7.30.

Mr. and Mrs. Veitch of Port Angeles are staying with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Hambley, Fourth Street, for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. G. McLean and Freddie have been spending a short time in Victoria.

Miss E. Moses of Deep Bay has returned home after a few days spent in Seattle.

Moran Brethour of Courtenay is staying with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Brethour.

Mr. and Mrs. McDaniel of Seattle are staying with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. White.

Miss Christie has gone to Vancouver for the school holidays.

Miss Bartholemew of Deep Bay has been spending a few days in Victoria.

Mr. and Mrs. Whiting of Seattle are staying with Mr. and Mrs. Norris of Deep Bay.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Nunn and baby of Vancouver are staying with Mr. and Mrs. Nunn, Centre Road.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Jackson of Downey Road have gone to Vancouver to spend the Christmas holidays.

The Chief Justice Hunter and Mrs. G. Hunter of Shawnigan Lake are staying with Mr. J. Taylor of Deep Bay for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Stanley Brethour of the Orchards has returned home after spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Mosedale, Victoria

CANADIAN SEIGNEUR CARRIED FINE CARGO

Canadian Government Merchant Marine Arrived Christmas Day

Close on 1,000 tons measurement was brought for Victoria discharge by the Canadian Government Merchant Marine carrier Ss. Canadian Seigneur, which berthed at Ogden Point docks at 8.30 a.m. Christmas Day from Montreal via Panama ports.

Her Victoria cargo included drainage pipes, pianos, inter-coast freights and general to over 600 tons deadweight, close on 1,000 tons by measurement. After discharging here the C.G.M.M. carrier will shift to Vancouver direct to set down the bulk of her cargo carried for North Pacific ports.

Capt. J. Potts was the last skipper of the fleet to take a C.G.M.M. vessel out of Montreal this year before navigation closed down. The Winter termini of the fleet on the Atlantic seaboard are at Halifax and St. John. The Canadian Seigneur lay idle yesterday, owing to the holiday, and started her discharge this morning.

ENGLISH PLAYERS MAKE IT A MERRY CHRISTMAS HERE

"Three Little Maids" at Royal Proves Delicious Yuletide Treat

Yesterday was a merry Christmas for everyone who witnessed "The Three Little Maids," with G. P. Huntley, celebrated English comedian, at the Royal Victoria Theatre last night. The players in the admirable English company which presented the great London musical comedy success must have been repaid for the necessity of spending Christmas night on the stage by the thunderous enthusiasm of the well-filled theatre. Victoria has seldom seen a more delightful entertainment.

Capt. M. W. Plunkett, who brings "The Three Little Maids" here fresh from a triumph in London, says that the comedy is built up around the game of golf. But that is not the half of it. A score of charming new songs, and as many charming dances, not to speak of comedy that had the theatre rocking with merriment, all form part of "The Three Little Maids." The production is staged with the perfection that theatregoers have learned to expect from an English company. Settings, music, costumes, acting, all are without flaw and there is no uneventful moment in three sparkling acts.

Mr. Huntley had scarcely strode upon the stage with his solemn air and English accent before the house was in torrents of laughter. As Lord Cheyne, the loveable old "nut" who plays golf with the wrong end of the stick and makes love with equal dexterity, Mr. Huntley has created a memorable part. His adventures at the Royal and Ancient Game and in his still more difficult contest with Cupid form the background for most of the fun and the music of the production.

"The Three Little Maids," daughters of a country vicar who go up to London and there find many wonderful things, are played by Arlene Jackson, Marie Hancock and Sheelagh Hayes. Each is so delightful that one hesitates to single one out from the others. Their songs and dances are highlights of the piece.

Then there is the inimitable Sandy Shaw as Lord Cheyne's caddie. His Scotch songs and grotesque dances were encored again and again.

Clara Reid as a buxom servant girl plays opposite Mr. Shaw and to the surprise of everyone reveals remarkable ability as a dancer. The audience simply could not have enough of her comical Dutch dance.

There are several other feature dances, among them two lovely interludes by Hilda Palmer and Evelyn Geary. The whole production is interspersed with tuneful songs in which a well-trained and chic chorus is seen to advantage.

"The Three Little Maids" is playing this afternoon and this evening. Capt. Plunkett says he is going to bring more English musical comedies like it to Canada. If they are all as good Canada can look forward to a thrilling theatre season.

CONFESSING TO MURDER OF THREE—This exclusive photograph shows F. M. Snow of Stephensville, Tex., confessing in the Tarrant county, Texas, jail to the murder of his stepson, Bernie Connally, Mrs. Snow and her mother, Mrs. S. A. Old. He cut off the boy's head and threw it into a cellar, he said, and then shot the women and burned their bodies in his fire place. Snow is at the left; Texas Ranger Captain Tom Hickman stands behind, and Court Stenographer William B. Swain is at the right taking Snow's confession on his typewriter.

SPOKEN BY WIRELESS

December 25, 8 p.m., weather:

KINGSWOOD, Honolulu for Vancouver, 500 miles from Vancouver.

SIAM CITY, Newport News for Vancouver, 237 miles from Estevan.

CITY OF VANCOUVER, Osaka for Victoria, 690 miles from Victoria.

NAPLES MARU, Muroran for Portland, 1,200 miles from Portland.

CALGAROLITE, Portland for Halifax, 1,250 miles from Estevan.

YEHIME MARU, Milke for Gray's Harbor, 900 miles from Estevan.

CANADIAN TROOPER, Victoria for Tampa, 398 miles from Victoria.

HINDUSTAN, for Colon, 120 miles from San Francisco.

GREYLOCK, Victoria-Honolulu, 640 miles south of Tatoosh.

December 26, 8 a.m., weather:

Estevan—Cloudy; northeast; light; 10.18; 42; heavy swell.

Pashena—Cloudy; southeast; light; 20.20; 45; moderate sea.

Alert Bay—Cloudy; 10.28; 47; sea moderate.

Recent Visitor Dead in Tacoma

Edmund Croft, visitor to Victoria this month, and brother of the late Henry Croft of this city, is dead in Tacoma, according to word received to-day by Stephen Jones.

Mr. Croft was seventy-eight years of age, a graduate of one of the leading English universities, and since retirement has been living alternately with his sons, one of whom is in San Diego and another, H. W. Croft, is head of the Croft Hotel in Tacoma. As the guest of Mr. Jones, he visited a number of family friends here.

NEAR DEATH—Mrs. Mary Copley Thaw, mother of Harry K. Thaw, who stood by him through all his troubles and never ceased her efforts in her son's behalf until he finally gained his freedom, is believed dying in Pittsburg from the effects of a fall suffered a few months ago. This is her latest picture.

AUSTRALIA SAILING

Taking the last sailing of the C.P.S.S. Orient service from Vancouver this year the Ss. Empress of Australia is posted to clear at noon to-day from Vancouver and is expected down at the Rithet piers at 6.30 p.m., for a brief call before leaving for sea. Outbound for the Orient the liner carries a fine cargo of Canadian goods for Far East ports and a fair passenger list with over 350 in all classes.

CUSTOMS PAY MODE CHANGED

Outside Staff to be Paid Twice a Month in Future

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—The official announcement of Hon. G. H. Boivin, Minister of Customs and Excise, that members of the outside staff of the service would be paid twice a month, commencing February 1, instead of once a month, has been received with approval by the personnel of the staff.

The executive of the association recently interviewed the Minister on this question. Pointing out that by receiving semi-monthly payments, the lower paid employees would be in a better position to finance their home budgets by avoiding credit accounts. Some 5,000 customs officials throughout the Dominion will be affected by the decision.

MARINE NOTES

Two President liners will pass through the port next week, the President Madison outbound for the Orient at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, and the President Jackson, inbound from the Orient, on Thursday morning.

Northbound in the service of the Admiral line the Ss. Ruth Alexander will make port on Monday night, in the regular coastal sailings of the line. Northbound passenger travel is light but cargo movements are holding well. Southbound travel is showing a slight increase, due to the holiday season.

Leaving this coast at the first of the current year to enter the New York-Miami service the Ss. H. F. Alexander made a great hit in the East for her speed, and comfortable accommodation. She is being boomed as "the flyer" and is taking capacity loads backwards and forwards to the realty mecca of the Floridan coast.

TIMES SHIPPING CHART

OCEAN VESSELS TO ARRIVE

Steamer.	Master.	Ton.	Agent.	From.	Due.
Toyama Maru			N.Y.K.	Orient	Dec. 30
President Jackson			Admiral-O.	Orient	Dec. 31
Arabia Maru			O.S.K.	Orient	Jan. 8
Dramatist			Rithets	U.K.	Jan. 20

OCEAN VESSELS TO SAIL

Steamer.	Master.	Ton.	Agent.	For.	To Sail
Empress of Australia			C.P.R.	Orient	Dec. 26
Pres. Madison			Admiral-O.	Orient	Dec. 29
Africa Maru			O.S.K.	Orient	Dec. 29
Kaga Maru			N.Y.K.	Orient	Dec. 31
Arizona Maru			O.S.K.	Orient	Jan. 7

C.G.M.M. MOVEMENTS

Canadian Freighter left Vancouver for Avonmouth, Liverpool, Glasgow, November 26.

Canadian Highlander left Swansea for Vancouver December 2.

Canadian Rover left San Francisco for Victoria December 12.

Canadian Observer left Astoria for San Pedro December 11.

Canadian Planter arrived Vancouver November 19.

Canadian Winner left Norfolk for London November 24.

Canadian Coaster arrived Ocean Falls December 8.

Canadian Importer left Antwerp for Vancouver November 30.

Canadian Transporter arrived Vancouver October 5.

Canadian Ranger arrived Vancouver December 6.

Canadian Ranger arrived Barnet December 6.

Canadian Seigneur left Panama Canala for Victoria December 7.

Canadian Trooper arrived Vancouver November 13.

Canadian Inventor left Panama Canal November 9.

Canadian Skirmisher left Panama Canal for Avonmouth, Swansea, Livernool and Glasgow November 15.

Canadian Farmer arrived Ocean Falls December 18.

Canadian Pioneer arrived Vancouver December 13.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET

Time of sunrise and sunset (Pacific standard time) at Victoria, B.C., for the month of December, 1925.

Day	Sunrise Hour	Sunrise Min.	Sunset Hour	Sunset Min.
24	8	04	4	22
25	8	04	4	23
26	8	05	4	23
27	8	05	4	24
28	8	05	4	25
29	8	05	4	26
30	8	05	4	27
31	8	05	4	28

The Meteorological Observatory, Gonzales Heights, Victoria, B.C.

TRANSPACIFIC MAILS

December, 1925

China and Japan

Shanghai Jan. 3. Hongkong Jan. 7.

Empress of Australia—Dec. 26; mails close 5 p.m.; due at Yokohama Jan. 8, Shanghai Jan. 13, Hongkong Jan. 16.

President Madison—Dec. 29; mails close 4 p.m.; due at Yokohama Jan. 10, Shanghai Jan. 15, Hongkong Jan. 19.

Kaga Maru—Dec. 31; mails close 4 p.m.; due at Yokohama Jan. 17.

MUCH CHRISTMAS MONEY IN MONTREAL

People's Purchases Far Exceeded Highest Expectations of Merchants

Montreal, Dec. 26. — Montreal's most costly Christmas has been spent and millions of dollars have changed hands. Last year was pronounced a record, but it is stated this one doubled, and perhaps tripled it.

Officials of the big department stores of the city say that while they expected a good season, the realization far exceeded anything they had even imagined. It was not, they pointed out, that this year's buyers had purchased more expensive things, but the buying public had grown tremendously.

Giant Aeroplanes, 300 Miles an Hour, Forecast by Professor

Reuter's Special to The Victoria Times

London, Dec. 4.—Giant aeroplanes, launched from catapults, propelled and controlled by wireless, and traveling at speeds of 300 and 400 miles an hour, are some of the prophecies made for the future by Prof. A. M. Low, the eminent scientist and inventor of the wireless torpedo.

Discussing the future of aviation in Airways, Prof. Low predicts that ten years hence our present aeroplanes will look as funny as a horse-bus does to us to-day. Aeroplanes will steadily become larger and larger, and the time will soon come when everyone will travel at a speed of at least 300 miles an hour.

These giant aeroplanees of the future will be made entirely of metal. The present petrol engines will, in time, give place to Diesel engines consuming crude oil, and eventually all aircraft will be driven by power broadcast into the air from wireless stations. The first step towards this will be a form of inductive transmission of power, tapped from the Niagara Falls, which will be relayed by wires to distributing stations and from there broadcast to aeroplanes in the air.

Lacquered boutonnieres are most attractive. They come in all shades of red and orange and yellow. They are smart artificial flowers treated to a lacquering process that gives them a most attractive tone and finish.

Australia and New Zealand

Makura—Dec. 27; mails close 4 p.m.; due Wellington Jan. 18, Sydney Jan. 23.

COASTWISE MOVEMENTS

For Vancouver

C.P.R. steamer leaves daily at 2.15 p.m.

C.P.R. steamer leaves daily at 11.45 p.m.

From Vancouver

C.P.R. steamer arrives daily at 7 a.m.

C.P.R. steamer arrives daily at 3 p.m.

For Seattle

C.P.R. steamer leaves daily at 4.30 p.m.

Sol Duc leaves daily at 10.15 a.m.

From Seattle

C.P.R. steamer arrives daily at 1.15 p.m.

Sol Duc arrives daily at 9.30 a.m.

Alaska Route

B.C. Coast Service: From Victoria Oct. 6, 16, 27; Nov. 13, 27; Dec. 11 at 11 p.m.

West Coast Route

B.C. Coast Service: From Victoria first, eleventh and twenty-first of each month at 11 p.m.

Portland Canal Route

Canadian National: On Mondays at 8 p.m. for Stewart and Anyox.

Union Steamships: Every Friday from Vancouver at 9 p.m. for Prince Rupert, Anyox, Stewart, etc.

Prince Rupert Route

Union Steamships: Every Tuesday at 11 p.m. and every Friday at 9 p.m. from Vancouver for Alert Bay, Port Hardy, Prince Rupert, etc.

Canadian National: Mondays from Vancouver at 8 p.m.

Auto Ferries

Mill Bay Ferry (bridging Island Highway at Malahat) — Leaves Verdier Avenue, Brentwood, 7.30 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1.30 p.m., 3 p.m. and 5.15 p.m. Leaves Camp Point, Mill Bay, 8.15 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 noon, 2.15 p.m., 4.30 p.m. and 6.15 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

December

Day	Time h. m.	Ht ft.	Time h. m.	Ht ft.	Time h. m.	Ht ft.	Time h. m.	Ht ft.
24	3.27	5.6	10.39	[illegible]	18.[illegible]	4.[illegible]		
25			11.04	[illegible]	18.58	3.41		
26			11.[illegible]	[illegible]	19.[illegible]	[illegible]		
27			11.55	[illegible]	20.05	2.11		
28			[illegible]	[illegible]	20.39	1.71		
29	16.30	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1.5
30	17.14	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	13.06	[illegible]	21.47	1.5
31	17.46	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1.7

The time used is Pacific standard, for the 120th Meridian west. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The figures for height serve to distinguish high water from low water. Where blanks occur in the table, the tide rises or falls continuously during two successive tidal periods without turning.

The height is in feet and tenths of a foot, measured from the average level of lower low water.

Esquimalt—To find the depth of water on the sill of the dry dock at any tide, add 18.9 feet to the height of high water as above given.

Prairie Influx To Speed up Again

Next week will see a renewal of the big influx of prairie visitors to the Coast, hotel men here said to-day. For the couple of days before Christmas the influx dropped off. With Christmas over, many who stayed at home for over the holiday will start on their Winter holiday.

Christmas Day arrivals here include Mr. and Mrs. Haywood of Borden, Sask.; H. B. Coultry of Calgary; James Knowles of Tudor, Alta.; Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Brown of Simpson, Sask.; Mr. and Mrs. E. Day of Wilcox, Sask. They are all at the Strathcona Hotel.

U.S. NAVY BUREAU TELLS OF ADVANCES

Improvements Made in Underwater and Aerial Communications

Washington, Dec. 26—The engineering condition of the battleships of the United States fleet has reached such a "satisfactory stage," says the annual report of the Navy Bureau of Engineering, that latest reports "indicated but one ship of the battle fleet needed more than five days to prepare for extended service."

The report, covering the fiscal year of 1925, is the last to be submitted by Rear-Admiral J. K. Robison, as chief of the bureau at the end of a four years' term.

Steady progress made during the four year period as well as to the twelve months ending last June 30 was mentioned, the report declaring "the past year had seen the accomplishment of many improvements, which have progressed throughout the last four years in pursuance of a set policy."

Many technical matters are discussed, including radio and sound problems, concerning which the report said:

"The navy is taking an advanced position in the application of high radio frequencies to the naval communication problem, and in this research it is being aided extensively by radio scientists and radio amateurs of the United States, as well as by scientists and amateurs in foreign countries.

"The problem of radio and underwater sound communication is an increasingly important factor in the bureau's efforts to maintain and improve the fleet's equipment. The necessity for efficient radio and sound communication in strategy, tactics, fire control, navigation and administration of the fleet is thoroughly appreciated by the bureau. The increasing use of aircraft in the fleet has demonstrated that radio communication is a most important factor with this modern weapon of naval warfare.

"The bureau's efforts have been concentrated on the development of suitable equipment, with the view of installing in the fleet apparatus capable of meeting the modern requirements. The bureau has consistently co-operated with the service afloat in solving the ever-increasing problems of fleet communications. These problems have resulted in changes of design of instruments and the new developments have been given a test in service on fleet units, and new and better equipment has continually resulted."

RADIO IMPROVED

Dealing with naval communications, Admiral Eberle described the progress made in high frequency radio transmission as "phenomenal."

"The outstanding progress made during the past year," he said, "has been the development of high-frequency circuits and the handling of considerable traffic by that means. The increase in traffic handled by high frequency during the last half of the year has been phenomenal. Almost every naval station and a large number of naval vessels, including some assigned to the Naval Reserve, have constructed high-frequency sets which have been used advantageously in procuring data and conducting tests in high-frequency communications.

"Regular traffic has been exchanged on high frequencies between Washington, D.C.; Balboa, Canal Zone; San Francisco, Calif.; San Diego, Calif.; Honolulu, Hawaii; Tutuila, Samoa; and the United States fleet. Although the work has been experimental and is as yet by no means fully reliable, it has effected a considerable saving in power through no use for long periods of the high-power transmitters. In addition to this, traffic has been moved on high frequencies at times when, owing to static conditions, the normal frequencies were impossible of use, thus effecting savings on landline tolls."

Reward Offered For Capture of Payroll Robbers

Pittsburg, Dec. 26.—The Pittsburg Terminal Coal Company has posted a reward of $5,000 for the return of its $47,900 Christmas payroll taken Thursday in a raid on the company's pay car by six bandits who killed one guard and wounded another. An additional reward of $1,000 each for the capture of the robbers dead or alive, is offered by the concern.

The holdup was carried out at Mollenauer, a small mining town near here, and the bandits escaped in an automobile.

I. L. Gump, fifty, a guard, died two hours after the holdup with a rifle bullet in his abdomen.

The second guard, Francis Mahoney, who was rendered unconscious when struck on the head with a blackjack, is recovering.

NEW ZEALAND AUSTRALIA
Via Honolulu and Suva

The new and well-appointed passenger liners sail from Vancouver, B.C. "Aorangi" (22,000 tons) Jan. 13 Mar. 10 "Niagara" (20,000 tons) Feb. 10 Apr. 7 For fares, etc., apply to all Railway and Steamship Agents, or to the Canadian Australian Line, 741 Hastings St. West, Winch Bldg., Vancouver, B.C.

LONDON SHIPPER MAKES CALL HERE

Furness Liner Has 110 Tons of Steel Plating For Victoria

B.C. Passengers Return After Pleasure Trips Abroad

Completing a good run from United Kingdom points with a good general cargo for Pacific ports, the Ss. London Shipper made port at 8.30 a.m. to-day to set down 140 tons here before shifting at 1 p.m. for her mainland terminals. Capt. D. Buckley reported a fair run with moderate weather for the best part of the voyage out.

On board the Furness liner for disembarkation here and at Vancouver were Mrs. R. M. Bloomfield, of Thetis Island Mrs. V. M. Haslar and daughter, Vancouver, and Miss J. Thatcher, Vancouver, returning from holiday trips abroad.

Clearing outbound again the London Shipper will sail from Vancouver on January 2 for U.K. ports. Her Victoria cargo on this trip consisted of 110 tons of steel plating, settlers' effects and salt. A companion vessel to the London Merchant the London Shipper is a fine cargo carrier with de luxe cabin accommodation for a limited number.

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Notice to Mariners

Mariners are notified that the Gossip Shoals lighted and whistling buoy heretofore reported adrift was replaced in position on December 23.

MILL BAY FERRY
On Christmas Day and New Year's Day
ONLY
the 7.30 a.m., 8.15 a.m., 5.15 p.m. and 6.15 p.m. trips will be omitted.
REST OF SCHEDULE AS USUAL

MILL BAY FERRY

Lv. Verdier Ave. (Brentwood)	Lv. Camp Point (Mill Bay)
7.30 a.m.	8.15 a.m.
9.00 a.m.	10.00 a.m.
11.00 a.m.	12.00 noon
1.30 p.m.	2.15 p.m.
3.00 p.m.	4.00 p.m.
5.15 p.m.	6.15 p.m.

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On and After November 15
Regular afternoon stage will leave at 2.30 o'clock instead of 3. Remember, afternoon stage leaves earlier, that is the only change.
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Great Sale of Women's and Children's Ready-to-Wear

For Four Days Commencing Monday, December 28th

Thousands of Dollars' Worth of Women's and Children's Coats, Dresses, Sweaters, Blouses, Skirts, Millinery and Women's Shoes

The warm weather which has prevailed throughout the season, has curtailed buying to a great extent and left us with an unusual surplus stock of Women's and Children's Ready-to-Wear on hand. According to the usual course of procedure, this stock would not have been offered till January, but having augmented our selling staff for the Christmas business, we have decided to place this heavy surplus stock on sale while the extra help is available.

Women's Coats, Regular Values $14.90 to $195.00 On Sale for $6.90 to $69.90

Women's Tailored Coats — $6.90

On Sale for

Coats in tailored effect with inverted pleat in back or with straight back and half belt; set-in or raglan sleeves with turn-back cuffs slash pockets, double or single breasted and half lined: also a few coats or Teddy Bear cloth in straight line models with fur choker collar and fully lined. Each **$6.90**

Velour Coats — $8.90

On Sale for

Coats of velour with godets at sides, trimmed with cable stitching and buttons. They have dyed coney choker collars to be worn open or closed; all full lined; shades are pansy, Autumn, sand, brown and navy; sizes 16 to 42. Each, **$8.90**

Velour and Marvella Cloth Coats — $12.90

On Sale for

Coats of velour or marvella cloths made in straight line models or with fancy godets, trimmed with buttons and cable stitching and have gathered or choker collars of fur; set-in sleeves and fully lined; all popular shades. On sale, at each **$12.90**

Velour and Marvella Cloth Coats — $15.90

On Sale for

Coats of velour and marvella cloths, made in all the newest models, with fur collars and fur trimmed godets and some have cuffs trimmed with fancy strappings of self materials or fancy braid trimmings. Fur includes dyed coney and Siam; sizes 16 to 42. Colors are pinegrove, mosque, sand, brown, maroon and navy. Great value at **$15.90**

Women's Coats — $49.90

Fine Qualities at

Coats made in flare or straight lines, plain or fur-trimmed, and in duvetyne, needlepoint, marvella, Bolivia and broadcloth. The shades shown are brown, rosewood, myrtle, powder, plum, navy and black. On sale, each **$49.90**

High Grade Novelty Fur-trimmed Coats — $69.90

On Sale for

A number of Novelty Coats, in flare or straight lines. Made from velvet, needlepoint, marvella, broadcloth, duvetyne and Bolivia. Furs used in trimming include Koran fox, electric seal, dyed squirrel, fitch, muskrat, Chinchilla and opossum. Shades are brown, plum, maroon, myrtle and black. On sale for **$69.90**

High Grade Coats — $18.90

In Tailored or Dressy Models

The tailored models are made of heavy, reversible tweeds with full belt and strap on sleeves which are Raglan or set-in. The dress coats are trimmed with fur collars and cuffs and are made of velour or marvella cloths, fully lined and in all the newest shades. On sale, each **$18.90**

Untrimmed or Fur-trimmed Coats — $23.90

On Sale for

Coats of stamped plush, velour or Rayure cloths, with or without fur trimming, convertible, choker or gathered collars, and with self trimming or buttons. Furs include Siam and Thibetine. Shown in sizes 16 to 52½. On sale, **$23.90**

Excellent Grade Coats — $28.90

On Sale for

Coats made in smart models, of velour, plaid material, marvella and English haircloth. They are trimmed with embroidery and fur, such as electric seal, Thibetine and Siam. Fully lined; all sizes. Each **$28.90**

A Fine Group of Coats — $39.90

Great Values for

In the group of coats offered at this price, are tailored, wrappy or flare styles, made of marvella, velour, duvetyne, English haircloth and tweed mixtures. They are all fur-trimmed, and in shades of mosque, wine, plum, pinegrove, sand, taupe, navy and black. On sale, each **$39.90**

Girls' and Misses' COATS

On Sale Commencing Monday At Greatly Reduced Prices

COATS

For the Ages of 8 to 14 Years
Values to $12.50. On Sale For

$8.95

Velour and Blanket Cloth Coats in the leading styles for Winter. Fur-trimmed or plain; shown in assorted colors. Regular values to $12.50, for **$8.95**

COATS

For the Ages of 12 to 16 Years
Values to $29.75. On Sale For

$18.75

High Grade Winter Coats for misses, the smartest fur-trimmed styles, in velour cloth; good selection of colors. Regular to $29.75, for **$18.75**

Infants' Coats

Specially Reduced For This Sale To

Half Price

Great assortment of Infants' Coats, in white or colors. On sale, commencing Monday for **Half Price**

—Infants' Wear, First Floor

COATS

For the Ages 12 to 15 Years
Values to $20.00. On Sale For

$14.95

Misses' Coats in smart fur-trimmed styles. Very good quality materials, nicely tailored and shown in the most popular shades. Regular to $20.00, for, each **$14.95**

COATS

For Children, 2, 3 and 4 Years
Values to $3.50. On Sale For

$1.50

An assortment of children's Coats, in odd sizes and colors; neatly made little garments of nice quality. Values to $3.50, for **$1.50**

—Mantles, First Floor

Sale of Women's Silk Hosiery

Commences Monday—Great Bargains Offered At

59c, 98c and $1.29

Women's Silk Hose, knit with seam up back of leg and double spliced foot. They have elastic tops and are shown in shades of sunset, cameo, toreador, platinum, hoggar, tan, mauresque, illusion, pink, cocoa, cheri, fawn, rosewood, black, tille and camel. Regular $1.00, on sale for, a pair ..... **59¢**

Pure Thread Silk Hose with hemmed or garter tops; sizes 8½ to 10; shown in white, black, brown, beige, log cabin, camel, peach, cameo, golden pheasant, pearl grey, Oriental pearl, toreador, cheri and hoggar. Regular $1.50, on sale for, a pair, **98¢**

Marvel Silk Hose with pointed heels and lisle garter tops, reinforced foot. May be had in shades of black, white, peach, nude, powder blue, camel, silver, gold cameo, platinum, toreador, cheri, illusion, kasha and pansy. Regular $2.00 a pair, on sale for **$1.29**

—Hosiery, Mal nFloor

Ensemble Suits Special, Each

$69.90

One Suit, consisting of black velvet coat with side flare, fur collar and cuffs and fully silk-lined dress of cut velvet, with long sleeves; size 38. On sale for **$69.90**

One Suit, consisting of velvet coat, with fur down side front, and fur cuffs. Dress to match, trimmed with satin and beads; size 18. On sale ... **$69.90**

—Mantles, First Floor

Navy and Black Tailored Suits — $39.90

Great Value for

Navy and Black Tailored Suits of poiret twill; designed, in three-quarter length coats, well tailored and finished with buttons and trimming of self. The skirts are plain wrap-around style, with elastic at waist; silk lined. Sizes 16 to 42. On sale for **$39.90**

Children's English-made Raincapes — $2.98

Regular $3.50 Values. On Sale for

Good Quality, English Made Rancapes, with detachable lined hoods, cut good and roomy, and in sizes for 3 to 14 years. Shown in fawn and blue; Regular $3.50 values. On sale for **$2.98**

—Children's Wear, First Floor

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SEE WINDOW DISPLAY

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A Great Sale of Women's and Children's Ready-to-Wear

For Four Days, Commencing Monday, December 28

Crepe de Chine Overblouses

Reduced for Clearance

Blouses of nice quality crepe de Chine, in plain shades or two-tone effects. Made with short or long sleeves and band at bottom. Embroidered or plain models. Bargains at, each **$3.89**

Blouses of nice heavy crepe de Chine, in "Peasant" style. Shown in pretty, bright shades and hemstitched in black. Also some very smart Printed Crepe Blouses, with V necks and short sleeves, plain hemmed bottom. Bargains at, each **$5.89**

Novelty Crepe de Chine Blouses, in many pretty styles, elaborately embroidered in silk and tinsel thread; also in coin spot effects. Good range of shades to choose from. Bargains at, each **$7.89**

High Grade French Crepe de Chine Blouses, in beautiful braided models, made with round neck or in crossover style. Also tailored models with Bramley collars and tucked fronts, or vestee front trimmed with fine filet lace and hand-drawn work. Bargains at, each **$9.89**

—Blouses, First Floor

Overblouses, on Sale Monday

Overblouses of voile, broadcloth or tricolette, with short sleeves and V or round necks, without collars. Shown in black and white tricolette, mauve, tan or white broadcloth, and white voile. Very special, each **89c**

Tricolette Overblouses, with short sleeves and round or V necks. Shown in plain or fancy weave, and in many pretty color combinations. Very special at, each **$1.79**

—Blouses, First Floor

Flannel Middies, on Sale Monday for $2.79

Smart, Regulation Style Flannel Middies, with long sleeves, trimmed on collar and cuffs with white or yellow braid. Made in plain or yoke effect and shown in scarlet or navy. Special, each **$2.79**

Great Clearance of All Winter

Millinery

All Hats to be cleared at exactly half their present reduced price.

$15.00 Hats On Sale for **$7.50**

$10.00 Hats On Sale for **$5.00**

$5.00 Hats On Sale for **$2.50**

$3.50 Hats On Sale for **$1.75**

—Millinery, First Floor

All Children's Hats

In velvet, cloth, silk and plush to be cleared; regular values to $5.95 for **$1.00**

—Millinery, First Floor

Bargain Highway Millinery

All the Women's and Children's Hats on the bargain tables to be cleared at, each, **50¢** and **$1.00**

—Lower Main Floor

Children's Wool and Cotton Winter Weight Underwear Great Bargains

Children's Velva Combinations with short sleeves and ankle length; all sizes from 4 to 10 years. To clear at one-third of regular prices from, a suit, **60¢** to **$1.12**

Children's All Wool Combinations; sizes for 1 and 2 years, Oak Tree brand; regular $2.75 for, a suit **$1.50**

Children's Zenith Vests, wonderful bargains, to clear at one-third off regular prices.

—Knit Underwear, First Floor

A Great Clearance Sale of Women's and Misses'

Dresses

Many Astounding Bargains

Canton Crepe, Crepe de Chine, Satin Faced Crepe Dresses, suitable for afternoon or semi-evening wear, dainty little frocks designed to suit the smaller women. Shown in shades of pansy, henna, rust, brown, fawn and navy. Trimmed with applique, velvet and lace collar and cuffs. The sleeves are long or short, and necks finished flat or collared. Great Bargains at **$7.90**

Imported Beaded Frocks for semi and formal evening wear. Shown in pastel, flame, powder blue, navy and black, sleeveless or with short sleeves. Also a selection of dresses for general wear. Made of charmeen, poiret twill, crepe satin, Canton and crepe de Chine, all smartly designed and trimmed with buttons, braid and embroidery; sizes 16 to 44. Bargains at **$9.90**

Dresses for afternoon or general wear, made from nice quality materials and smartly designed with long or short sleeves, high or low necks and straight line or belted models. Shown in henna, rust, fawn, brown, navy, black and grey; sizes 16 to 46. Bargains at **$14.90**

A varied collection of dresses for afternoon, evening and general wear, including a number of English and French importations. Made of high grade fabrics with trimmings of beads, rhinestones, embroidery, ribbon and buttons, flowers and self material. Good range of colors; sizes 16 to 46. Bargains at **$19.90**

—Mantles, First Floor

Sports and Dress

Skirts

Regular Prices From $6.95 to $15.00

All at One Price

$3.95

Sports and Dress Skirts of Kasha cloth, fancy tweeds, wool crepe and velour—bright warm shades. Shown in plain, wrap-around and pleated styles. Suitable for sports and outdoor wear; sizes from 25 to 40. All at one price, each **$3.95**

Great Bargains in the Sweater Section

Light Weight Sleeveless Cardigans, vest effect, suitable for wearing under coat. Spencers with long sleeves, drawn in at the waist with cord; in black only. Sleeveless pullovers in plain shades, with contrasting stripes at base. On sale for, each ..... **89¢**

Plain Knit Turtle Neck Sweaters, in medium weight, finished with ribbed cuffs, neckband and band at bottom. Shown in navy and black only. On sale for, each **$1.79**

Brushed Wool Cardigans in pearl and fawn only, plain style, with two patch pockets. Smart pullovers, in all-over patterns of contrasting colors. Have long sleeves, finished with plain cuffs. On sale for, each **$2.79**

Balbriggan Turtle Neck Pullovers, with ribbed knit base, and neckband, finished with two pockets in front. Smart pullovers, with long sleeves and V necks, shown with contrasting body stripes or in plain shades of silk and wool with contrasting stripes at base, featuring the new scarf collar. Assorted colors and sizes. On sale for, each **$4.49**

Silk and Wool Turtle Neck Pullovers, with long sleeves, finished at neck, bottom and cuffs with ribbed band. Two heavy flannel Tuxedos with two pockets and belt; white only. Turtle Neck Sweaters of heavy silk, in pretty allover patterns, finished at neck, sleeves and base with plain shade to tone. On sale for, each **$5.49**

—Sweaters, First Floor

Clearance Sale in Our Corset Section

CORSETS

Fancy Pink Cotton Corsets with elastic top and four hose supporters, back laced style; regular $1.50. On sale for **$1.15**

A bargain lot of Corsets including back laced and wrap styles and just a few front lacing models. These are exceptionally good values, but there are not all sizes in the lot; regular values to $4.00. On sale for **$1.98**

Bon Ton Corsets, back laced style with medium bust and long skirt, to suit the average figure, well boned and made from good quality pink coutil; regular $6.25. On sale for **$4.95**

GIRDLES

Wrap Style Girdles made from selections of pink broche and surgical elastic, have low bust and long skirt, four hose supporters; sizes 23 to 30. Very special at, each **$2.95**

Corset Belts of pink coutil and elastic, fasten in front with 3 heavy dome fasteners; finished with four hose supporters. Very special at **$1.00**

CORSELETTES

Corselettes for growing girls, made in side hook style with elastic inset in skirt, four hose supporters and tape shoulder straps, good wearing pink coutil. Very special at **$1.00**

BRASSIERES

Madame X Reducing Brassieres of pure rubber, back hook style with elastic straps, made extra deep, sizes 38 to 46; regular $6.50. On sale, each, **$3.95**

Bandette Brassieres of pink broche, short style, back hook, tape shoulder straps; sizes 32, 34 and 46. Special at .... **50¢**

Simplicity Waists for Children

Special, Each, 55¢

Simplicity Waists of strong white cotton, no buttons front or back, just slip over the head. They are cut so that the straps do not slip off the shoulder and have large comfortable armholes. A row of buttons at the waist line to fasten clothing on to; sizes for 2 to 12 years. Very special at, each ..... **55¢**

—Corsets, First Floor

A Great Sale of Women's Fine Quality

Shoes

In Our Main Women's Shoe Department On the First Floor

Almost Every Variety of Fashionable Footwear, Pumps and Oxfords at Greatly Reduced Prices

A GREAT DISPLAY OF EVENING SLIPPERS. Reduced to $7.95

White and gold, white and silver and all white brocade slippers; black satin pumps and strap slippers; patent leather pumps and strap slippers; tan calf strap slippers. All of the superior hand-turned makes, offered at, a pair ... **$7.95**

FASHIONABLE PUMPS AND SLIPPERS Reduced to $6.95

Blond kid strap pumps, tan kid gore pumps, blond satin strap pumps, patent leather strap pumps. All late styles and models, offered at, a pair **$6.95**

POPULAR STYLE FOOTWEAR Reduced to $5.95

This immense assortment comprises practically the whole of our best selling, medium priced, Women's Shoes.

Black satin strap and gore pumps, apricot kid strap pumps, tan calf and tan kid strap pumps, patent leather strap and gore pumps, black kid strap and gore pumps, tan calf sport Oxfords. All quality shoes carried in widths and a good range of sizes, offered at, a pair **$5.95**

HUNDREDS OF PAIRS OF SMART SERVICEABLE OXFORDS Reduced to $4.95

Brown kid Oxfords, brown calf Oxfords, black kid Oxfords, patent leather Oxfords, gunmetal calf Oxfords. Shown in Cuban, military or low heels, all superior quality welted shoes for Winter and early Spring wear. Offered at, a pair **$4.95**

A SPLENDID RANGE OF STYLISH PUMPS Reduced to $4.95

Black satin strap pumps with high or low heels, patent leather strap and gore pumps, black kid strap pumps. All superior quality footwear, offered at, a pair **$4.95**

—Women's Shoes, First Floor

Clearance of Women's Winter Weight Underwear

Women's Winter Weight Cotton Combinations, odd sizes of discontinued lines, including Watson's, Harvey's and Zenith; all well-known makes. Regular values to $4.50. To clear at, a suit **$1.95**

Velva Combinations, in size 36 only, with V neck and short sleeves. A wonderful bargain at, a suit **$1.00**

Heavy Fleece-lined Bloomers, in grey only; sizes 36 to 44. On sale for, a pair **90c**

Women's All Wool, Hand-knitted Vests, with short sleeves and round neck. Bargains at, each **$1.35**

Harvey's Fleece Cotton Bloomers; sizes 36 to 44; specially priced at, a pair **90c**

"Sensola" Swiss Rib Vests, opera top or built-up shoulder styles. Very special at, each **90c**

—Knit Underwear, First Floor

GIRLS' SWEATER COATS Bargains at $2.50

Fawn Brushed Wool Cardigans, with two patch pockets and fastening with five buttons in front. "Pride of the West" make, in sizes for 6 to 12 years. Very special at, each **$2.50**

Also an assortment of Sweater Coats in odd sizes and colors. Clearing for, each **$2.50**

—Children's Wear, First Floor

Girls' Flannel and Serge DRESSES

Regular Values to $8.75, for $4.95

Girls' Dresses of fine flannel and serge, for school or better wear; a nice assortment of one or two-piece styles to choose from. Odd lines and sizes ranging from 8 to 14 years. Regular to $8.75. Clearing at **$4.95**

—Children's Wear, First Floor

10 Dozen Women's Rayon Silk Gowns, Specially Reduced, $2.98

Women's Rayon Silk Gowns, nice quality, 10 dozen only. Specially priced at, each **$2.98**

—Whitewear, First Floor

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RADIO NEWS AND BROADCASTS

NEW CANADIAN STATION OPENS IN FAR NORTH

Canadian Government Officially Puts Aklavic on the Air

Montreal, Que., Dec. 26.—The opening of the Canadian Government radio station at Aklavik, in the delta of the Mackenzie River, within sixty miles of the Arctic Ocean, establishes direct communication with Edmonton, capital city of Alberta, across an area of over 1,700 miles.

This makes the fourth radio station in the chain the first link of which was opened at Edmonton in 1924. The first station to bridge the gap between civilization and the Arctic region was opened at Fort Simpson, on the Mackenzie River, a year ago. It had been planned to install the far North station at Aklavik the same Summer, but the wrecking of the Hudson Bay Company's steamer, Lady Kinderslay, off Bering Strait, caused the loss of the entire equipment for the station, so that installation was not possible until this Summer.

A fourth station is in operation at Fort Smith, on the Slave River, which is the real "half-way house" between Edmonton and the Arctic Ocean. Radio broadcasting of the world's series of baseball games in the United States, sent from CJCA station, operated by The Edmonton Journal, was heard very clearly at many Northern trading posts, including Forts Resolution, Smith and Fitzgerald.

Commercial messages may now be sent from London direct to Aklavik, using the telegraph to Ottawa, they are then wirelessed across Canada to Edmonton and relayed North via Fort Simpson to Aklavik.

Belgians to Try Radio Monopoly

Radio casting as a government monopoly will be tried out in Belgium for the first time anywhere, if the government there adopts a plan it has examined recently. A national radiocasting company would be established with capital subscribed by wireless instrument manufacturers, to which the government would add a proportion of the annual license fee of twenty francs paid by listeners-in for receiving sets. The government would have the majority on the board of directors.

Paper and cheap fibre furnish poor insulation for jacks to be used in radio receiving sets.

DAILY RADIO PROGRAMMES

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

KFI (467) Los Angeles, Cal.
6.45 p.m.—KFI Radiotorial Period.
7 p.m.—Varied programme, featuring Virginia Fiobri, soprano; Raymond McFeeters, tenor, and the Pennell Melody Trio.
9 p.m.—Featuring the Louise Klos Trio, with Evelyn Pickerell, violinist; Hazel Babbige, 'cello; Louise Klos, harp, and Ysabel Bowen, soprano soloist.
10 p.m.—Packard Radio Club.
11 p.m.—KFI midnight frolic.

KPO (428) San Francisco, Cal.
6.15 p.m.—Stock market quotations.
6.35 p.m.—Waldemar Lind and the States Restaurant orchestra.
8-12 p.m.—Jack Coakley's Cabirians.

KGO (361) Oakland, Cal.
4-5.30 p.m.—Concert orchestra of the Hotel St. Francis.
8 p.m.—Weekly "Sport Review" by Al Santoro.
8.10 p.m.—Arion trio and California mixed quartette.
10-Midnight — Dance music programme.

KFOA (455) Seattle, Wash.
4-5.15 p.m.—The Times, Wm. P. Hoffman's Olympic Hotel concert orchestra.
6-6.45 p.m.—Dinner hour concert by Hoffman orchestra.
9.30-11.30 p.m.—Eddie Harkness and his orchestra.

CFYC (411) Vancouver, B.C.
4.30-5.30 p.m.—An hour with the classics.
7-7.30 p.m.—Market reports, Vancouver Sun.

KHJ (405) Los Angeles, Cal.
8-10 p.m.—Programme by Young's Market Company.
10 p.m.—Art Hickman's Biltmore dance orchestra.
11.30-2 a.m.—The Times Tomcats will "meow" from KHJ.

KGW (492) Portland, Ore.
6-7 p.m.—Dinner programme.
9-12 p.m.—Dance music from Indian Grill of Multnomah Hotel.

Singing Bird Enrages Pets

San Francisco, Dec. 26.—Broadcasting a singing bird before noon, when cats and dogs are asleep, may not prove to be a good policy. Recently when a "mocking bird sang to 'Betty' and 'The Old Man of the Rivers,'" Station KGO received letters from fans asking that the birds not be put on the air until after lunch. In one case a cat awoke from mousey dreams and dived into a loud speaker and in another a pet terrier's slumbers were interrupted and he almost demolished a set looking for the bird.

INDUSTRY DOES GOOD BUSINESS

Radio Licenses Issued During Year Ending March, 1925, 91,996

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—Production of radio sets and parts in Canada during the fiscal year 1924-25 amounted in value to $3,201,103, according to a statement issued by the Dominion bureau of statistics. Exports of similar commodities from United States to Canada in the same year were valued at $2,413,687, and as exports in this class from Canada were negligible, the apparent total purchases of radio sets and parts in Canada reached the grand total of $5,614,790.

Radio licences were issued by the Canadian Government Department of Marine and Fisheries during the twelve months ending March, 1925, to 91,996 persons. Ontario led all provinces with a total of 41,847, and Quebec was next with 18,211. Registrations in the other areas were as follows: Saskatchewan, 9,303; Manitoba, 6,553; British Columbia, 6,409; Alberta, 5,843; Nova Scotia, 2,772; New Brunswick, 1,240; Prince Edward Island, 163; Yukon, twelve, and Northwest Territories, five. Licensed broadcasting stations in the Dominion of Canada numbered fifty-one at the end of the year.

Nowhere in Canada were the earliest crude radio sets more thoroughly appreciated than in the more remote parts of the West, and nowhere in the Dominion this year does the industry expect to realize a greater increase of business than in the Western provinces.

Western Canada shares with the entire Dominion those particular climatic conditions which make of the country a veritable radio paradise—the long period of clear cold weather of the late Autumn and Winter, during which station ceases from troubling, and mischievous, air agents are at rest. Of the $60,000,000 business to be done in Canada this year in respect of radio, a very large proportion will centre in the Western provinces.

One Bad Tube Will Cause Set to Howl

At times the five-tube receiver will howl with an intense note, irrespective of whether the receiver is tuned to a particular station or not. The howl is due to a defective tube in tre audio frequency portion of the receiver. It can be remedied by substituting a new tube or by interchanging the tubes among themselves. Generally the tube will be found faulty when this trouble develops.

One of the chief causes for tubes becoming inoperative after use for some time is the excessive filament current to which they are sometimes subjected. Rheostats are put into the receiver to regulate the filament current of the vacuum tubes and should be adjusted so that the maximum signals are obtained with a minimum amount of filament current. It is a well established fact that when the XL filament tube, such as the UV and C type is adjusted to a certain filament current, the maximum signal strength is obtained. Any further increase in the filament current will not and should not increase the signal strength.

If it is necessary to cut out all the resistance to obtain the loudest signals, either the filament battery is discharged or one of more of the tubes are defective.

President and Mrs. Coolidge use a six-tube receiver specially built by the navy department.

VERBAL CHARLESTON BY RADIO SPEAKERS

Fans Complain Announcers Suffer From Severe Attack of Haste

In these chilly nights when you hook up our trusty receiver and listen to a score of far-distant stations, it behooves us to become critical and figure out what is wrong and what is right in the stations we hear.

We come to the conclusion that many announcers need some special training for their operations in front of the microphone. Many radio speakers are suffering with severe attacks of haste. They rush their words along, running one into another, until it is almost impossible for the average listener to understand what the uproar is all about.

One radio expert declares that most of the announcers seem to be trying out an oratorical Charleston. Most of them seem so fancy, that they are shooting personality through the ether. But pity the poor fan a thousand miles away who tries to make sense out of the verbal sprint.

Of course, practice makes perfect; the announcers become entirely at ease before the microphone; words come easily, but too easily, from the DX fans' standpoint.

"Every announcer tries to be distinctive and must necessarily project, if he can, a smile through the ozone, selling himself, in other words, but he can more readily accomplish his object by sticking in a hyphen now and then, not to speak of a few periods.

"It is with the announcers that the reform must lie. They have only to stop and consider that away out in the forests, on lakes and up in the mountains, men and women and children, too, are eagerly listening in, and that to them the voice cannot come in strong and clear unless the speaker proceeds moderately and occasionally stops for breath.

"If this policy is pursued, more people will be inclined to fish for DX among the lesser-known stations, which is so much more advertising and good-will for the communities represented by these broadcasters and so much more acclaim for their artists.

"The mile-a-minute brigade is not making such a hit, after all."

OUTSIDE AND LOOP AERIALS

The locality a receiver is used in will very quickly settle the question as to whether you should use a loop or an outside aerial.

The loop aerial is particularly valuable when you are located close to a number of powerful broadcasting stations or where it is impossible to erect an outdoor aerial. Where there are several powerful stations within five or ten miles of you, it is hard to find an outside aerial that is selective enough to tune through and bring in one station without background from the others.

There are a few very selective tuned radio frequency receivers using several controls that will do it, but the average receiver will not bring in any distant stations if it is operated near a powerful local station.

ANOTHER ADVANTAGE

On the other hand a receiver built for loop reception will generally allow you, by turning the loop, to cut out a great amount of the interference from the locals and bring in outside stations. Another advantage of a loop is that it enables you to reduce the noise from static and bring in quite distant programmes that could not be brought in on a receiver using an outdoor aerial.

In a neighborhood where there are a large number of sets in operation there are always some that are regenerative, and the energy that they radiate is picked up on an outdoor aerial and you hear a series of howls and squeals that are not particularly pleasant to listen to. The loop aerial reduces this kind of interference very considerably.

DISADVANTAGE OF LOOP

The disadvantage of a loop set is that the loop picks up such a small amount of energy that you must use from six to nine tubes to get speaker volume from stations any distance away.

A good outdoor aerial with an efficient five-tube receiver should bring in stations in all parts of the United States and Canada without much difficulty.

Barium Oxide Gives Success in Latest Type Radio Tubes

One of the most successful types of filament for radio vacuum tubes consists of tungsten wire coated with the oxides of barium or strontium. The coating greatly improved the electron emission and it was these coated filaments which first made possible the low-temperature filament used in the 199-type tubes and other dry battery tubes.

A detailed study of the behavior of these coated filaments under various conditions has been made by Lewis R. Koller of the Edison lamp works of the General Electric Company.

He finds, among other things, that a very slight trace of oxygen in the tube decreases the electron emission enormously. Certain other gases cause increases.

This means, Mr. Koller believes, that the unusually high emission of these coated filaments is not due to a film of the oxide, but to an actual film of metal—of metallic barium or strontium into which the oxide originally added has become converted.

This is believed to be true, also, of the thoriated filament, which is a filament the wire of which contains a trace of metal thorium. This thorium comes to the surface of the filament. The layer of thorium atoms acts to increase the emission.

Test your parts before building a set. Variocouplers, rheostats, variometers, potentiometers and transformers should give a loud click when connected with a battery and a pair of headphones, but a condenser should not.

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AUTOMOBILE NEWS

DODGE'S ACTION MAY BRING MANY CHANGES

Dodge Brothers' recent announcement of tremendous price reductions has probably created more stir in the automobile industry than any other event in recent months. Speculation is rife, not entirely regarding the amount of the price drops, which will be announced January 7, but as to the effect such an announcement will have on the motor car business in general.

Dodge Brothers is regarded as one of the most conservative advertisers in the entire industry. The company is not given to high sounding expressions and never goes to great lengths in extoling the virtues of its product. Therefore its use of the expression "tremendous price reduction" in recent full page announcements is taken by other automobile companies to mean a really important event in the industry.

What the action of Dodge Brothers may pressage is a matter of speculation. The company is known to have recently purchased the Graham Brothers truck manufacturing company for cash. The consideration was huge. Also the corporation has increased its production capacity fully 100 per cent recently and intends to take its place in the front rank of quantity producers in 1296. Are other mergers to follow? How many of the less substantially founded motor car firms will be "shaken out" during 1926? are some of the questions being asked in the industry.

Dodge Brothers' price drop announcement was published not only in the large cosmopolitan dailies, but in every paper of the country. Even in Alaska, where the automobiles are sold in very small numbers, the full page was published in virtually every town boasting a newspaper.

Contrary to the general practice, Dodge Brothers announced the price change several days before it actually takes place. This procedure was followed for but one purpose, according to motor car experts. That purpose was to stir up conjecture and to force automobile owners and prospective owners to stop and think before they bought any automobile. Until January 7, the date of the announcement, there will be much comment on just what Dodge Brothers intends to do.

It is reasonably certain that an unheard of reduction of the price of the cars will take place. Until the amounts are made public, both manufacturers and owners will be held in suspense. Many of those intimately interested in motor car activities predict that Dodge Brothers announcements will mark a milestone in the history of the automobile industry and will presage a new era in the automobile world.

OVERLAND SETS NEW SHIPMENT RECORDS

With 1925 shipments up to December 9 showing an increase of more than 50,600 cars over the period from January 1 to December 9 of 1924, Willys-Overland is enjoying its greatest sales volume.

Not only has the shipment record to date this year beaten that of 1924, but it also is approximately 3,000 automobiles ahead of the shipping record for the same period of 1923, the best year in the history of Willys-Overland. Production for this period in 1923 totalled 194,364 Overlands and Willys-Knights.

Coincident with the unusual activity marking shipment records at Willys-Overland is the fact that twice during the Fall months boat shipments on the Great Lakes established new shipping marks for this type of freight, while several trainloads to such points as Chicago, Decatur and the two Southern points, Miami and Memphis, have further contributed to Willys-Overland's unusual shipping records.

FORD SALES SHOW LARGE INCREASE

All records for early Winter Ford sales were broken during November, when 146,788 passenger cars and trucks were delivered to retail customers in the United States. This is an increase of approximately 25,000 over the November sales a year ago.

Another evidence of the popularity of the improved Ford passenger cars is shown in the enrollments in the Ford weekly purchase plan, which have risen to unprecedented numbers. During November a total of 31,425 persons enrolled under the plan and began paying on cars, more than twice as many as enrolled during the same month last year.

As the holidays approach deliveries of cars to customers who have been buying them under the weekly purchase plan are increasing. Some began paying on their automobiles as long as a year ago, others during the early Spring and Summer months, long before the improved Ford types were introduced. All now benefit in the convenience and comforts afforded by the improved cars and their increased value, without any additional cost.

Reckless Driving is Utter Foolishness

It is false economy to try to save a moment by reckless speeding. The attempt may result in a smash which will lay the driver up for several months and the car for several days, if death itself is not the price. Reckless driving is not a demonstration of skill, but an illusion of foolishness.

Hurrying to get ahead of a train, a street car or another vehicle saves only a moment or two at the ultimate destination and the gain is not worth the grave danger of paying the price of a serious and perhaps fatal accident.

There are certain safety rules of the road which the careful driver observes and these precautions should always be carried out. Slow up for all turns in the road. Blind corners are dangerous. When it is impossible to see what is coming around the corner it is well to be prepared to stop.

Many Causes For Dry Vacuum Tank

There are several causes for the vacuum tank going dry while the car is in operation. If the pin hole in the cap of the main tank is clogged with dirt, the vacuum system will be stopped; if the connections for the suction windshield wiper become disconnected, the tank is likely to go dry, and if the car is run uphill for a long time slowly, in high gear. This usually happens if the tank is only half filled at the start, assuming that the carburetor has been leaking a bit. A leaking carburetor float valve also will cause a vacuum tank to go dry while the engine is running.

Take Greatest Care In Gauging Tires

Tire gauges are not so accurate that one can afford to take one reading as final. The wise car owner takes the average of several readings. The variation are due to the fact that the instrument does not always fit tightly over the valve stem when the air is released. It is particularly important to take accurate readings in the case of a balloon tire where a few points one way or the other mean a lot. So the average must be taken. In the old type of gauge used for high pressure tires the variations were just as great, only nobody worried whether the gauge was accurate within five pounds of the desired pressure.

BREAKING A WORLD'S RECORD—Peter De Paola, premier automobile racer of 1925, is shown crossing the finish line in the 250,-mile race at the new Rockingham Park Race Track, Salem, N.H. De Paola broke the old record with an average of 128 miles per hour.

STUDEBAKER LISTING 100,000-MILE CARS

Tremendous reserve mileage built into well constructed present day cars is revealed by the "first roll call of 100,000-mile Studebakers" taken by that company.

The roll call included 199 Studebakers that had traveled over 100,000 miles. This list is by no means complete, as there are hundreds of these long-mileage cars that have never come to the attention of the Studebaker Corporation.

Of these 199 cars, twenty-four had traveled over 200,000 miles and four had traveled over 300,000 miles. In the Studebaker museum at South Bend is the "Granddaddy Big Six," which, before it was retired, had traveled more than 500,000 miles.

These extra miles of service rest squarely on the foundation of what the manufacturer puts into the car, in the way of engineering, materials and workmanship.

Since the automobile industry began over 500 makes of cars have passed out of existence. In many cases they disappeared because they did not keep apace of the better construction. Most faded away because they could not combine quality and service in their products.

DRIVER TO BLAME, COURT'S DECISION

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Any automobile driver who strikes a child, six years of age or under, on a public highway or street is immediately responsible civilly and criminally for the accident, according to a decision of the Chicago Municipal Court which has just been confirmed.

In that decision it was held that a child six years of age or under cannot be guilty of any contributory negligence, inasmuch as it is not really responsible for its actions, and that the entire onus of an accident involving such a child rests squarely upon the shoulders of the driver.

One of the effects of that decision in Chicago has been to impress upon the motorist the increasing necessity for absolutely safe driving and it has been reflected in the increased use of non-skid chains to aid in assuring car control on the slippery streets of the Windy, windy city.

Private motor car owners are following the example set by owners of taxicabs who do not permit their drivers to compromise with safety, and at the first indication of skiddy streets chains of the Weed type make more immediate appearance.

CADILLAC PUTS ON SPLENDID EXHIBIT

The Cadillac exhibit at the automobile salon, Hotel Commodore, New York City, includes twelve custom-built bodies by Judkins, Fleetwood, LeBaron, Holbrook, Brun and Fisher. The display of four bodies has been termed "a jewel tone exhibit," the basis of the color scheme, in each of the four cars being a semi-precious jewel. An aquamarine, a topaz, a carnelian opal and a garnet were selected as motifs and the colors of the body and upholstery have been made to correspond with the color of the jewel. The jewels are on exhibition with the cars.

The aquamarine is the color motif of the Imperial, the paint being a two-tone aquamarine green, light and dark, with a stripe of caprice rose. The upholstery is a Wiese Wolvertyn aquamarine green, the wool carpet, with a soft luxurious pile fully half an inch deep, specially woven for the purpose in a color to match. The leather of the front compartment is a glove-finish cowhide morocco and in the tonneau the brocaded silk of the upholstery panels is of geometrical patterns in fleur-de-lis design woven in Jacquard looms.

The carnelian opal is the color motif of the five-passenger sedan; the garnet of the four-passenger phaeton, and the topaz of the five-passenger coupe.

In the last the upholstery is a Wiese lustre weave broadcloth in topaz tan, a color derived from the dark facets in the topaz. The lustre of the material gives it the effect of burnished old gold.

The interior hardware of the Fisher custom bodies is sterling silver, gold-plated in the five-passenger coupe and treated with transparent enamel in the other cars, with inlaid walnut panelling on the floors.

Poor Insulation is Cause of Missing

Secondary or spark plug wires with insulation that is of poor quality or that is cracked are a frequent cause of missing when the engine is pulling. They can often be found by running the hand over the wire while the engine is running. If the insulation is not perfect, a slight shock will be felt. Do not touch the spark plug. Frequently a spark leak can be found easier at night, when it can be seen.

Dangers in Winter Many For Motorist

The hazards of Winter motoring are skidding, stalling, headlight glare and battery failure. Dry pavement will cause a bad skid when the car is made to come to a quick stop. Many carburetors are not adjusted for low temperatures, and because of this, cars stall easily. Batteries become overworked during the Fall period of the year, because the engine must be cranked longer than in Summer time. Headlight glare is a Fall hazard that should be overcome. Shorter days mean increased travel by artificial light.

Few Owners Realize Plugs Wear Out

Few motorists seem to appreciate that the points of a spark plug actually wear out. This is in addition to the cracking of the porcelain as a result of age. The point that comes down from the centre of the plug, which is the one that carries the high tension positive current, will appear to be eaten away. Plugs at ten thousand miles often will show so much wear at the points that the gaps will be much too wide for perfect firing at low car speeds. The points can be brought closer together, but since the wear is uneven there is danger of not getting the right clearance. The safer plan is to install new plugs.

Cold Weather Care of Your Car

Comparatively few cars are now laid up during the cold weather, at least they are not put away for all of the winter. However, it is a fact that every winter many thousands of automobiles are compelled to spend a certain amount of time in the hands of the repairman, simply because certain precautions were neglected or were taken too late.

The precautions necessary are very simple and require little time, and if observed will ensure you the use of your car at all times and may also save you a considerable amount of money in repair bills.

The most vulnerable part of an automobile during the cold weather is the cooling system, for if this is not protected the water freezes and bursts the radiator or cracks the cylinder jackets. There are several ways in which this danger can be avoided. The first is to keep your car in a heated garage; the second to drain the water out of the radiator and cylinders when the car is not actually running; and third, to use an anti-freezing solution in the radiator.

The most practical method is to keep the radiator filled with an anti-freezing solution, for this gives you protection at all times, whether your car is in or out of the garage.

There are a number of chemical solutions that can be used for preventing the water from freezing, but the safest and one of the best is denatured alcohol. Some of the patent prepared solutions are also very good. Be aware of any that contain calcium chloride or any chemical that has an action on the brass or solder used in the radiator. Kerosene can also be used in an emergency, but it will quickly rot the rubber hose connections and will vaporize and give off a dangerous gas when heated, so should not be used except in the case of an emergency where it is necessary to use an anti-freezing solution and alcohol is not available.

The illustration gives the correct proportions of alcohol and water for varying temperatures. First drain the radiator and give it a good cleaning out by removing the bottom hose connection and letting the water run through until it comes out clean and clear. Examine the hose connections to see that they are in good condition. If they show signs of old age better replace them, otherwise, you will have trouble in keeping the alcohol in the radiator. If the radiator leaks even slightly at any point, have it repaired before using alcohol. If the water is circulated by means of a pump, examine the packing in the pump gland to see that it is tight and is not leaking.

When the radiator has been cleaned out thoroughly, refill with water to within 4 inches of the top of the radiator cap, then drain off and measure the exact amount of water it holds. A glass quart milk bottle will quickly do this. Now add alcohol to the water in the proportion that will give you protection against the lowest temperature to be expected.

It is a good idea to use about a quart of glycerine to the alcohol. This will retard evaporation considerably and make it unnecessary to add alcohol so frequently. Many of the patent anti-freezing mixtures are composed of a mixture of glycerine and alcohol and these can be used with perfect safety. Once the really cold weather sets in, keep the mixture in the radiator at the correct level by adding alcohol, NOT water. The alcohol naturally evaporates much quicker than the water, so that if water is used to keep the radiator full, it means that very soon there will be little alcohol left and the water in your radiator will freeze.

It is an economy to use a radiator cover or one of the patent shutters that fit over the front of the radiator. The shutter gives you control over the temperature of the water and will enable you to get more efficient operation from the motor. It is especially valued when starting up first thing in the morning for it cuts off the cold air that would otherwise be drawn through the radiator and enables the motor to heat up to operating temperature very quickly.

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DUNWELL TO SHIP TEN TONS DAILY

New Programme Starts by New Year's While Development Proceeds

Stewart, B.C., Dec. 18 (by mail.)—By the beginning of the new year the Dunwell mine will become a regular shipper to the extent of ten tons daily, The Portland Canal News announces. In order to bring this into efffect a short double tram from the portal of No. 3 tunnel to the wagon road terminal at the portal of No. 4 tunnel is being rushed to completion, and will be ready for operation in a few days.

About 100 tons of ore is already sacked and stored in the workings of No. 3 level, pending completion of the tram. While this ore is not of the highest grade, still is is an easy and therefore cheaper type for sorting than some of the richest ore, and will leave a very nice margin of proft.

The present plan is to ship ten tons daily throughout the Winter, and in the meantime proceed with mine development so as to provide an assured tonnage for the proposed mill to be built next Summer.

A good start has been made on the raise from No. 4 to No. 3 level, and the north drift on No. 3 is being widened and straightened preparatory to further development to the north, for the purpose of getting at depth the ore exposures on the Sunbeam claim, and intervening ore bodies. The programme between No. 3 and the surface, and to the north, will afford ample ore reserves for years to come, without any further depth. Twenty-five men are now employed in two shifts under management of M. Little.

Improvements have been made to the dam that will ensure a greater force of water and more power than has heretofore been available. The power plant is giving excellent service since being overhauled.

CHICAGO GRAIN

Chicago, Dec. 26 (By R. P. Clark leased wire).—Wheat: Remarkable stability developed immediately after the opening to-day and continued to the close as prices ran into new tops for all deliveries on the crop. Support was aggressive and largely of the influential kind. All offerings were easily absorbed. The falling off in the movement of wheat from first hands in North America, recent government reports which show this country to be bare of wheat from an export standpoint, sharp advances in Buenos Ayres to-day plus the more pronounced bullish sentiment were the factors back of the rise. Wheat for May delivery established itself above the 1.80 level for the first time. Foreign markets were idle with the exception of Buenos Ayres, which closed about 4½ higher. Marketings of what in Canada have dropped below the 1,000,000 mark. Wheat is up 20 cents from the low of Tuesday. Underlying conditions are being better recognized. We would caution against following the bulges after such a rapid rise, but believe the breaks should be taken advantage of to accumulate long wheat.

	Open	High	Low	Close
Wheat—				
Dec.	177	186¼	176¾	184¼
May	174⅛	180⅝	174	180
July	150½	154⅛	149⅝	154⅝
Corn—				
Dec.	76⅛	78⅛	76⅛	78⅛
May	84⅛	86⅛	84	85⅝
July	85⅞	87⅝	85⅝	86⅝
Oats—				
Dec.	40⅛	41⅝	40	41⅞
May	45	46¼	45	46⅛
July	45⅝	46⅝	45⅝	46⅝
Rye—				
Dec.	105	108	105½	108
May	111	116¼	111	115⅝

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE

New York, Dec. 26.—Foreign exchange steady. Quotations in cents. Great Britain — Demand 484⅝; cables 485; sixty-day bills on banks 480½.
France — Demand 3.65; cables 3.65½.
Italy — Demand 4.03⅝; cables 4.03⅞.
Belgium—Demand 4.35.
Germany—Demand 23.80.
Holland—Demand 40.14.
Norway—Demand 20.28.
Sweden—Demand 26.84.
Denmark—Demand 24.79.
Switzerland—Demand 19.32.
Spain—Demand 14.14.
Greece—Demand 1.30.
Poland—Demand .1125.
Czechoslovakia—Demand 2.96.
Jugoslavia—Demand 1.77¼.
Austria—Demand .14.
Rumania—Demand .46½.
Argentina—Demand 41.37.
Brazil—Demand 14.25.
Tokio—Demand 43⅛.
Shanghai—Demand 78.
Montreal—Demand 100 3-32.

Glacier Creek Orders Diamond Drilling

Stewart, B.C., Dec. 18 (By Mail)—An extensive diamond drilling contract has been let to Boyles Bros. on the Glacier Creek Company's ground, for the purpose of exploring at depth the ore exposures on the east end of the property, preliminary to the formulating of a further development programme.

CANADIAN OPPORTUNITIES IN SIAM

Referring to the prospects for Canadian goods in Siam, Trade Commissioner A. B. Muddiman, Singapore, writes that there is a good market in Bangkok for wire cloth. Small cheap hand pumps for use in the rice fields may find a market. Poultry wire is used, but quotations must be very low to sell. In paints Canada could not compete except in the automobile variety. Canadian firms are advised to consider seriously the market in Siam for marine engines if they can compete in price. Nearly all communications in that country are by waterway and second-hand auto engines for use in small native launches find a ready market. Sales are made on price, not quality. There is a small sale for agricultural machinery, but as a rule only the cheapest types of machinery of all classes are saleable. Circular saws of hard steel for use in sawing teakwood are in demand. There should be a small market for Canadian lawn mowers.

U.S. SECRETARY JOINS WHEAT DISCUSSION

Washington, Dec. 26.—Secretary Hoover has contradicted an assertion by The London Morning Post which said, while defending the British handling of the rubber situation, that the United States Government had itself sought to restrict wheat production at a time of world need.

"The London Morning Post seems to be misinformed when it states the United States Government endeavored to restrict wheat production in the face of a starving world," said Mr. Hoover. "The facts are that in 1917 Congress, in order to supply the Allies and the starving world, guaranteed the price of wheat to the farmers of the United States. Under the guarantee the normal area of 52,000,000 acres was expanded in the 1918 crop to 64,000,000 acres, and in the 1919 crop to 76,000,000 acres. An enormous surplus resulted.

BOUGHT MUCH WHEAT

"The British Government, after the armistice in 1918, however, very naturally turned to the large accumulation of cheaper wheat which had been held back in Australia and Argentina. In consequence the United States Government was compelled to buy large amounts of wheat in order to make good its guarantee.

"The surpluses were disposed of to starving countries in Europe, a large proportion of them in actual charity, and the remainder were sold on credit which under subsequent debt settlements proved to have been about fifty per cent. of what the wheat cost the United States Government.

"The United States Government has never passed any legislation restricting production. This story probably originated from the fact that the Department of Agriculture, a year after the armistice and after the world famine had passed, did warn the United States farmers that there was an over-production of wheat in the world and that they should get back to normal. Such over-production proved true, and under it the United States farmers for at least two years sold their wheat to Europe for less than the cost of production."

L. and L. Glacier Gets Supply Shipments

Stewart, B.C., Dec. 18 (By Mail)—Wm. Irwin, superintendent of the L and L Glacier Creek, in town ordering supplies for the mine, says the crew is established and well under war for Winter development.

They spent three tough days breaking the trail and putting it in shape for a pack train to travel, and camped one night in the snow. The horses are now making regular trips, however, taking in seven tons of supplies with all possible speed while the present favorable weather continues. The snow is holding off well, and many dollars are being saved to outfits who decided to start work this time of the year.

London Market Has Quiet Week

London, Dec. 26 (Canadian Press Cable)—The Christmas holidays naturally caused a considerable shrinkage in the business on the Stock Exchange this week, and this was probably accentuated by the recent large emissions of new issues, the second installments on which are about due. The earlier burst of selling in the rubber market was followed by a fair number of buying orders as a consequence of the recovery in the price of that commodity and the ruber shares have registered an upward tendency.

Home rails have made a better showing on the news that the companies anticipated considerable economies in their coal contracts, but the traffic returns continue disappointing. With the solitary exception of the Southern Railway which shows an increase of £42,000 over last year's returns, every other big line provides melancholy reading. The Great Western shows a decrease of £865,000, London and Northeastern £1,435,000, and the London, Midland and Scottish a decrease of £1,739,000. This provides slender hopes that the dividends for the junior stocks will be maintained.

CANADA BANKRUPTCIES

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—Forty-three business failure in the Dominion are recorded in this week's Canada Gazette. British Columbia and Alberta had three each and Manitoba and Saskatchewan one each.

PERSISTENT—Jack Prentice, nephew of John D. Rockefeller Jr., is working his way through Yale. Six years he was suspended. At that time his parents were supporting him. He denies that he has been cut off by his family because of his previous suspension, and says he merely wants to make his own way.

RUMANIA RESTORING CURRENCY AS VALUE OF TRADE GROWS

Little Country's Capacity to Pay in Resources Good

Industries Being Encouraged? Oil Production Big Factor

Rumania has been making serious efforts to balance her budget, and to put her public finances in good order. In connection with the recent settlement made with the United States Government, Secretary Mellon gave as the reason for making the required payments in the earlier years small, that Rumania's capacity to pay in resources was good, but that the government's fiscal system was not getting the revenue that should be derived from those sources.

According to a study which has been made recently of Rumanian affairs by the Bankers Trust Company of New York, the government has, for three years, succeeded in balancing her budget without further issues of paper money.

In May of this year steps were taken to reconstitute the currency of Rumania. The National Bank of Rumania was founded in 1880, and since then has played an important part in the economic life of the country and in connection with the finances of the state. Prior to 1914 the bank always maintained a substantial metallic reserve against its notes. This reserve was usually just about 50 per cent. of the amount of notes in circulation. During the neutrality period that is, up to 1916, the metallic reserve did not fall below 30⅓ per cent., and from then on until the close of 1918 although the bank note issue increased substantially, about six times what it was in 1914, yet the metallic reserve also increased so that even at the close of 1918 it amounted to 32.84 per cent. of the notes in circulation. During 1917 more than half of the reserve of the bank was sent abroad to facilitate the government's financial operations. The majority of the portion of the reserve was moved to Russia. During part of this time the country was occupied by the enemy, and notes were issued by the military administration so that at the date of the armistice there were four kinds of currency in circulation—the National Bank notes, the kronen, the rubles and Banca Generala notes.

The first step in monetary reform was the unification of the currency, and this was accomplished in 1919 by replacing all the foreign notes in circulation with notes of the National Bank. The necessities of the state, the continuation of the war on the Tisza, the reconstruction of at least a part of the essential elements of the country's economic plant destroyed by military operations and the occupation, together with the unification of the currency, caused an enormous issue of notes on behalf of the state, so that as against a total issue of 2,489,000,000 lei at the close of 1918, the total circulation by the close of 1921 had risen to 13,722,000,000 leit, of which 12,356,000,000 or 90 per cent. of the total issue was for purposes of the state. After the close of 1921 conditions began to improve, and it was found possible for the state to reduce the amount of its demands upon the bank so that at the close of 1924 the total issue of bank notes on account of the state amounted to 11,071,000,000 lei or about 57 per cent. of the total issue. At the same time there were outstanding 7,587,000,000 lei in notes for commercial use.

The redundancy of the issue was shown by the fact that the value of the leu measured in terms of the dollar, declined from a pre-war value of 5.18 lei to the dollar and an average of 18.33 in 1919, to an average of 55.37 in 1920, 86 in 1921, 150.65 in 1922, and to 203.42 lei to the dollar in 1923. In 1924 the situation improved slightly to 201.93. During the present year the quotation, which in January was 194, rose to 225 in April, since which date it has fluctuated around 200, falling as low as 193 on August 10; to-day it is about 217.

Despite the relative stability of the leu and the favorable trade balance, wholesale prices have tended to rise. Taking 1916 as 100 the index number in January, 1923, was 2,072, from which point it rose steadily until it reached 2,586 in December of that year; the rise continued, reaching 4,285 in December, 1924, and 4,384 in March of the current year. At the end of August, 1925, it had risen to 4,582.

The Bankers Trust Company points out that the new arrangement of the state involves the absolute stoppage of notes issued in behalf of the state, strengthening of the effective security for outstanding circulation, and the gradual liquidation of the account with the state, and the retirement of the notes issued in that connection, over a period of fifteen to twenty years, account being taken in this connection of the general economical situation of the country, demands of the market and the amounts available from the state's revenues for the liquidation fund after meeting the demands of current operations of the state. Very wisely it was decided not to determine an absolute limit of years in which this plan should be perfected, but to leave the matter to the National Bank and the Ministry of Finance to determine each year the amount of the note issue on account of the state to be withdrawn until the entire amount is finally retired.

Rumania being essentially an agricultural country is trying to increase agricultural production. To this end she has introduced an agrarian reform whereby the land has been redistributed more evenly, and dispossessed owners of large estates are reimbursed for their lost property in proportion to the yearly income from each region. The peasants, for whose benefit the reform was undertaken, are permitted either to pay cash for the land thus acquired, or they may pay for it in twenty annuities. To-day, through this reform, all areas are cultivated as in pre-war times, and while the autumnal drought of the past three years has somewhat injured the cultivation of wheat, the Spring sowing has replaced this loss.

Among oil producing countries, Roumania ranks sixth, being surpassed by the United States, Mexico, Persia, the Dutch East Indies and Russia. Before the war there were 1,000 wells in Rumania, producing a mean annual flow of 1,750,000 tons of oil. Production in 1913 aggregated 1,885,000 tons, while in 1919 it had dropped to 920,000 tons. Since 1920, however, production has increased steadily, and last year reached 1,860,000 tons, practically equalling the 1913 figure. Results for the first six months of 1925 show that with 1,062,000 tons this year's output may exceed the production of any previous year. Of this amount 349,240 tons were exported as against 166,972 tons in the corresponding period of 1924. Oil for fuel is one of the factors which proves a boon to Rumanian industry, as do raw materials, such as agricultural products, animals, wood, etc., the large home market and the possibility of export to Central Europe.

Even before the war the Bankers Trust Company points out the government adopted a policy of encouraging industries by maintaining protective tariffs. In 1921 this law was revised and in addition to protective duties other privileges were granted to manufacturing industries. They may now acquire at a reduced price, lands up to five hectares, owned by the state, communes or districts; they are exempted from import taxes for machinery and parts thereof, and they are entitled to reduced freight rates on the railroads. In return for this assistance they are required to employ 75 per cent. of Rumanian workpeople on their staff for the first period of encouragement, usually lasting seven to ten years. The high tariff rates of nearby countries have proved a source of annoyance to Rumanian trade as in the cases of Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Austria. Therefore, Rumania has found it necessary gradually to raise her own customs duties in order to protect her home industry which is developing to such an extent as to largely meet the country's needs. This rise in customs duties, besides protecting home industry, is expected to reduce imports, and thus to cause the favorable balance of trade to increase. Rumania, unlike most other countries, has maintained high rate export taxes, which have caused such a decline in the export of corn and cereals as to influence unfavorably the general economic life of the country. To remedy this situation the government has lowered the export duties on grain and other agricultural products not required for home consumption.

Foreign trade, which from the end of the war until 1921 resulted in an average adverse balance for Rumania of 3,563,000,000 lei, has improved greatly as can be note from the following figures: Imports of 12,325,000,000 lei against exports of 14,027,000,000 lei in 1922; imports of 19,713,000,000 compared with exports of 24,373,000,000 in 1923; 1924 resulted in imports of 26,292,000,000 against exports of 27,929,000,000 lei. The year 1925 started off in the right direction, showing an excess of exports for the first quarter of 345,000,000 lei, but results of the half year show an import balance of 1,376,000,000 lei. It is hoped that final figures will show a continued rise in exports as this fact has an immediate and beneficial effect on the exchange.

Labor conditions in Rumania are not as severe as in some other European countries. In April, 1922, the government passed a compulsory arbitration act for the leading industries. It forbade strikes in state factories and those of district and communal authorities. In 1924 there were 267 labor disputes, in which 74,777 employees participated, with a loss of 212,365 working days. Agreements were signed in 255 cases, comparing with 328 settlements effected in 1923, affecting 90,519 employees. The subject matter of the agreements includes regulation of overtime work; holiday observance, industrial insurance, hygiene and safety measures in establishments. For the main part, the agreements provide for an eight-hour day and a week of forty-eight hours.

All these considerations have induced the government to regard the economical and financial situation as being strong enough now to warrant it in proceeding to the next stage of the country's evolution—that of the investment in equipment to utilize its wealth in natural resources.

TRADE OF JAPAN SHOWS INCREASE

Tokio, Dec. 26.—The Department of Commerce and Industry announced to-day that Japan's foreign trade in 1925 was the greatest in the country's history, the total up to December 25 being 4,814,142,000 yen.

The exports were more than 2,270,000,000 yen and the imports approximately 2,544,000,000 yen.

The exports showed an increase of approximately 463,000,000 yen and the imports more than 90,000,000 yen, as compared with 1924.

Wholesale Market

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Meats	
No. 1 Steer Beef	.13
Cow Beef	.11
Lamb	.29
Spring Lamb	.28
Mutton	.22
Hogs	.19
Eggs	
Fresh, extras, case lots, dozen	.42
Fresh, firsts, case lots, dozen	.37
Fresh, pullets, case lots, dozen	.34
Butter	
Specials, cartons	.48
Other grades, prints .44	.46
Dairy solids	.38
Cheese	
Alberta solids, lb., new	.27
Ontario solids, lb.	.28½
Ontario twins, lb.	.29
Ontario triplets, lb.	.29½
Ontario Stiltons, lb.	.33½
Lard	
Tierces, per lb.	.23
Compound, tierces, lb.	.17
Vegetables	
Cabbage, per lb. .02½ and	.03
Celery, per doz. .80 and	1.00
Head Lettuce, Cal., per crt. 5.75 and	6.00
Head Lettuce, local	M.P.
Sweet Potatoes, per lb. .06 to	.07
Tomatoes, hothouse	M.P.
Onions, Okanagan, per sack	1.75
Onions, Spanish, per crt.	6.25
Potatoes, dry belt, per sack 3.00 and	3.25
Beets, per sack	M.P.
Carrots, per sack	M.P.
Turnips, per sack	M.P.
Parsnips, per sack	M.P.
Fruits	
Apples, Okanagan, per box. 1.75 to	3.00
Apples, local, per box 1.00 to	1.75
Pears, table varieties 2.75 and	3.25
Cranberries, Eastern, 100 lb. bbls.	24.00
Bananas, per lb. .10 and	.11
Grapes, per lug 2.50 to	3.00
Grapefruit, Calif., per case	5.00
Grapefruit, Florida, case	8.00
Lemons, per case 4.50 to	6.50
Oranges, Navels, per case 4.75 to	6.00
Oranges, Japs, per bdl	1.85
Fresh Arrivals for Christmas Trade	
New California Walnuts	.32
New Manchurian Walnuts	.14
New Brazil Nuts	.28
New Filbert Nuts	.22
New Almond Nuts	.25
New Table Raisins	M.P.
New Smyrna Figs	M.P.

Retail Market

Revised December 24, 1925

Vegetables	
Garlic, lb.	.20
Cauliflowers .10 to	.15
Local Potatoes, 9 lbs.	.25
Mint	.05
Carrots, 15 lbs.	.25
Sweet Potatoes, 3 lbs. for	.25
Brussells Sprouts, 2 lbs.	.25
Spinach, 2 lbs. for	.25
Netted Gem Potatoes	3.25
Ashcroft Potatoes	3.00
Local Potatoes	2.90
Fruit	
Apples—	
New Local Apples, 4 lbs. for	.25
Jonathan, 3 lbs. for	.25
Delicious, 3 lbs. for	.25
Newton Pippin, 3 lbs. for	.25
Spitzenburg, 3 lbs. for	.25
McIntosh Red, per lb.	.10
Gravenstein, box 2.00, 1.75 and	1.50
Fresh Pineapples, each	.60
Fresh Artichokes, each	.25
Lemons, Cal., doz. .30 and	.40
Grapefruit, California, 3 for	.25
Jap. Oranges, box	.75
New Navel Oranges, doz. .60, .50 and	.40
Valencia Oranges, per dozen .60, .50, .40, .30 and	.20
Cal. Grapes, lb. 15 and	.25
Arizona Grapefruit, each .10, .12½	.15
Fresh Cranberries, lb.	.25
Dates, 2 lbs.	.25
New Comb Honey, comb	.25
New California Cluster Raisins, box	.25
Spanish Cluster Raisins .65 and	.50
Smyrna Figs .50, .40 and	.25
Nuts	
Almonds, per lb.	.25
Walnuts, per lb.	.25
California Soft Shell Walnuts, lb.	.45
Brazils, new, per lb.	.30
Filberts, per lb.	.30
Roasted Peanuts, per lb.	.15
Chestnuts, lb.	.30
Dairy Produce and Eggs	
Butter—	
Best Alberta, cartons	.55
Comox, lb.	.57
V.I.M.P.A.	.57
Cowichan Creamery, lb.	.60
Salt Spring Island, lb.	.57
Pure Lard, lb.	.25
Eggs—	
B.C. fresh, extras	.65
B.C. fresh, firsts	.55
Poultry	
Alberta Turkeys	.45
No. 1 Local Turkeys	.50
Fresh Local Geese, lb.	.32
Fancy Local Ducks	.37
Local Roasting Chickens	.42
Cheese	
B.C. Cream Cheese, lb.	.45
B.C. Solids, lb.	.35
Finest Ontario Mild, per lb.	.38
Finest Ontario Matured, per lb.	.40
Edam Dutch Cheese, per lb.	.45
Gouda Cheese, per lb.	.75
Gorgonzola, per lb.	.85
Swiss Gruyere, in portions, box	.55
English Stilton, jar	.90
English Stilton, lb.	.85
Canadian Stilton, lb.	.40
Imported Roquefort, per lb.	.65
Swiss Gruyere, box	.55
Eagle Brand Camembert, box	.65
Circle Brand Breakfast Cheese, two packages	.75
Fish	
Fresh Herrings, 3 lbs.	.25
Bloaters, 2 lbs.	.25
Cod Fillets, per lb.	.23
Frozen Halibut, per lb.	.27
Soles, lb.	.15
Black Cod, fresh, per lb.	.15
Skate, per lb.	.10
Cod, per lb.	.20
Kippers, per lb.	.15
Finnan Haddies, per lb.	.20
Smoked Black Cod, per lb.	.25
Whiting	.15
Red Salmon, per lb.	.30
Smoked Salmon, per lb.	.40
White Spring Salmon, 2 lbs.	.25
Smelts, per lb.	.25
Shell Fish	
Crabs .15, .20 to	.25
Shrimps, per lb.	.35
Esquimalt Oysters, per dozen	.65
Olympia Oysters, per pint	.90
Fresh Meats	
Pork—	
Trimmed loins, per lb.	.35
Legs, per lb.	.32
Shoulder roasts, per lb.	.25
Pork Sausages, per lb.	.27
No. 1 Beef—	
Sirloin steak, per lb.	.32
Round steak, per lb.	.22
Pot roasts, per lb.	.12
Rump roasts, per lb.	.25
Lamb—	
Shoulders, per lb.	.28
Legs, per lb.	.40
Loins, full, per lb.	.40
Prime Mutton—	
Shoulders, per lb.	.24
Legs, per lb.	.35
Loins, full, per lb.	.32
Rabbits, local, per lb.	.28
Flour	
Flour, all standard brands, 49s	2.25
Flour, pastry, 49s	2.15

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NEW OIL COMPANIES

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—Incorporation of two Calgary oil firms, the Banner Oils Limited, with a capital of $300,000, and the Ellis Oil Company, $100,000, is gazetted in this week's Canada Gazette.

Sculptor Tells Latest Story on Rockefeller

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Jo Davidson the sculptor, who sculped John D. Rockefeller, tells some amusing stories of his experience.

Arriving at the Rockefeller estate he expected the aged oil magnate would want something akin to feverish activity. Instead of that he found John D. preparing to start for the golf course.

"I thought perhaps you could model me as I golfed," said the millionaire.

"But, Mr. Rockefeller, I could scarcely carry my clay around the golf course," remarked the astounded artist.

"Well, I carry my clay around it every day," laughed Rockefeller.

Princess Had Kings And Statesmen at Her Feet, Diary Reveals

Reuter's Special to The Victoria Times

London, Dec. 26.—Princess Lieven, whose hitherto unpublished diary, together with some of her letters, has been edited by Mr. Harold Temperley, was one of that long line of ladies of dubious virtue, who have helped to make and unmake history.

Of Russian nationality, she was born in the era of Catherine and Mad Paul, afterwards marrying a great Russian noble of the Court, who for years was Ambassador in London. The number of her "amis"—for she soon sought consolation elsewhere—was considerable, and included a Grand Duke, Metternich and Guizot, while even George IV and William IV were her discreet admirers. She soon appreciated the power of sex, and applied it to diplomacy and politics with startling effect, so that it is truly amazing to note what influence this foreign woman had on British politics. But she met her desserts in the end. She tried one fall too many with Palmerston, and she and her complaisant husband were recalled to St. Petersburg.

NOT FOR FUN—Sig Smith gets paid for this. Otherwise there would be no use in doing it. He's performing from the top of the Western Union Building in New York City.

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Births, Marriages, Deaths

DIED

GLOVER—On December 23, at the family residence, 2307 Howard Street, Mrs. Alice Martha Glover, beloved wife of Mr. Edward Glover, age 38 years; born in Barrie, Ontario, and a resident of this city for the past seven years, formerly of Rossland, B.C. The deceased lady is survived by, besides her husband, one son and one daughter; also her mother, Mrs. Annie Braden, at home, and one brother, Mr. A. W. Braden of Vancouver.

The funeral will take place on Monday, December 28, at 2 o'clock, from the Sands Funeral Chapel. Lt.-Col. H. J. N deSalis will officiate and the remains will be laid to rest in the family plot at Ross Bay Cemetery.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of the late Miss Evelyn Wagg wish to thank their many friends for their sympathy and beautiful floral tributes during their recent sad bereavement.

IN MEMORIAM

JOYCE UPWARD—In loving memory of darling Joyce who passed from this life Dec. 26, 1923.

"My Lord has need of these flowers gay,"
The Reaper said, and smiled;
"Dear tokens of the earth are they,
Where he was once a child."
—From Mummy, Daddy and Ronald.
3371-1-151

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A WHIST drive and dance next Saturday night, Sons of Canada Hall. Nine New Year turkeys, valuable local birds. 3362-2-151

C.P.R. Social Club invitation dance will be held this week on Saturday evening, December 26, Empress Hotel. Ozard's orchestra. 8.30 to 11.30. 50c. 3625-5-151

CHRISTMAS dance, Keating Hall, prize waltz, Monday, Dec. 28. Hunt's orchestra. 3339-3-151

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NEW FRIENDSHIP CLUB—Dance tonight in Chamber of Commerce. The best and brightest dance in town. Charlie Hunt's 4-piece orchestra. Gents 50c, ladies 25c. 8.30 to 11.30. 3715-1-151

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TURKEY SHOOT at Constance Cove Ranch, E. & N. crossing, Admiral's Road, Sunday, Dec. 27th, 10 o'clock. 3375-1-151

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SELUKWE EXPLAINS PLANS IN NORTH

Salmon River Moves Are Outlined in Statement Issued to London Investors

Stewart, B.C., Dec. 18.—(By Mail)—In a statement recently issued by the Selukwe Gold Mining and Finance Co. and published by "The Statist" of London, information is given which is not of general local knowledge. The ramifications of companies concerned in securing a hold on the northern extension of the Premier ground are explained, in a matter-of-fact way that shows the Selukwe Company are willing to lay all their cards on the table for the benefit of their shareholders. The published report says:

This company was originally formed to participate in the development of the mineral resources of Rhodesia, and while still possessing a footing of value in that country—individually and through its holding in the Kafue company—has extended its activities so that it now holds substantial interests in several other mining fields. The most important of these is in the Salmon River district of British Columbia, where the value of the ore formation has been made famous by the wonderful success of the Premier Company, which, during its last financial year, paid dividends totaling $1,715,000. The interest of the Selukwe in claims in the immediate vicinity of the Premier Mine is held through a locally registered company, the British Canadian Silver Corporation. This subsidiary is not a mining, but a holding company, the undertaking developing the claims being the B.C. Silver Mines, in which the holding Corporation possesses $879,600 out of an issued capital of $1,500,000 and in addition $78,300 out of an issued capital of $3,000,000 in the adjoining Bush property.

The Corporation's holdings in the Bush Company were acquired as payment for certain prospecting work done some years ago on the Bush claims, so that the possibilities of this property are not unknown to the management of the Selukwe Company. Up to the present, however, the main interests of the Corporation and the Selukwe have been centred in the claims held by the B.C. Silver Mines.

THE B.C. SILVER CLAIMS

The B.C. Silver Company holds seventeen claims, divided into two groups which, being situated north and south respectively of the Premier property, will naturally benefit from continuations both north and south—the general direction of the ore channel—of any ore bodies which may be found and worked by the Premier Company. This strategic advantage is, however, somewhat weakened by the comparatively limited area in the northern group of claims, a disadvantage which also limits the success that may follow the present developments taking place in this northern section of the B.C. Silver property. It is apparent that the present operations on the B.C. Silver claims are likely to prove almost as beneficial to the Bush Company as the B.C. Silver, owing to the fact that the dip of the ore bodies is to the northward, which would carry the extension at depth of shoots located on the northern claims of the B.C. Silver into the property of the Bush Company, on the claims of which the ore channel, exhibiting it is stated, several well defined outcrops, stretches for practically a mile. It was essential, therefore, that if the Selukwe were to reap the full benefit of its expenditure and enterprise, control of the Bush Company should be secured.

POSITION OF THE ORE BODIES

The plans show the principal Premier workings to a recent date, and also the second and third levels on the B.C. Silver claims, together with the drifts and crosscuts which are intended to expose the ore bodies believed to have been located by various boreholes. Indications point to the location of a large ore body in the direction towards which these levels are being driven. In addition to this ore body, the extension of the Premier lodes at depth into the B.C. Silver northern claims has been proved by boreless sunk from the second level near the boundary of the two properties, on the Oakville fraction claim. The deal which has been completed preserves to the B.C. Silver the full benefit of its development work, the acquisition of the Bush claims securing extension of ore bodies encountered on the B.C. Silver, while providing ample new ground for the discovery of other lodes which may be reasonably expected to exist north of the present workings.

In order to carry through the transaction it has been necessary to introduce another company. This is the Sebakwe, also originating in Rhodesia, where some claims are still held. This company was reorganized in June last, when the £1 shares were written down to six-pence, and then consolidated into 2s. 6d. shares. The authorized capital is £200,000, in 1,600,000 shares of 2s 6d., of which 32,500 shares went to the original shareholders. Of the reserve shares, 600,000 have now been given to the Bush Company as payment for its property, the arrangement carrying the obligation to spend $100,000 upon development. In order to carry out this obligation, the Selukwe Company has taken up 400,000 Sebakwe shares carrying options over a further 400,000 shares at par. In effect, therefore, the Selukwe now controls the seventeen claims belonging to the B.C. Silver, and the twenty-four claims belonging to the Bush Company, thus obtaining a very substantial interest in a proved mineralized area which is likely to become of very good value.

Intellectual Leader Introduces Cultured New College Yell

San Francisco, Dec. 26.—Fred C. Byers has gained distinction as the "intellectual cheer leader" of the University of California. Byers having been noted as the most intellectual and serious student at the university, his classmates, in fun, elected him cheer leader. But he fooled them by accepting the job—and then composed the following yell, to replace the "vulgar and elemental ones:

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"Au!
"Ursus Americana—Alti Frontalis!
"Assault the braggarts with a chellean pick!
"Smash their cerebrums into a liberty steak!
"Eureka!"
"Au," be it noted, is the chemical designation for gold, and Ursus Americana means bear—hence, Golden Bear, nickname of the football team.

Rev. J. F. Snowden Died in Ontario

Seaforth, Ont., Dec. 26—Rev. James Frederick Snowden died at his home here yesterday. He was ordained in Ottawa in 1886 as an Anglican priest. On account of ill-health, he retired to his old home in Kincardine, Ontario, and although in after years he was not an active parish worker, he occasionally officiated as a clergyman. Later he went into newspaper work, purchasing The Manitoulin Expositor at Little Current, twenty years ago. In 1916 he came to Seaforth, where he became proprietor of The Seaforth News, which business he conducted until the time of his death.

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New York, Dec. 26.—Louis Lipsky, chairman of the Zionist Organization of America, has in his hands to-day the resignation of Rabbi Stephen M. Wise as chairman of the $5,000,000 united Palestine appeal. Mr. Lipsky denied a report that Zionists in Canada had cancelled an invitation to Dr. Wise to address them.

The resignation was offered because of the storm of protest which arose among certain Jews against Dr. Wise's utterances in Carnegie Hall last Sunday to the effect that Jews must recognize Jesus was a great moral teacher and that the tenets he taught were essentially the same as those taught by the Jewish elders.

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QUEBEC SESSION IS TO START JANUARY 7

Legislature to Deal With Questions Affecting Natural Resources of Province

Quebec, Que., Dec. 26—Legislation regarding the natural resources of the Province of Quebec will be the outstanding feature of the third session of the Sixteenth Legislature of the Province, which is to open January 7.

It is expected the Government will provide for the creation of forest reserves, and also take further steps to safeguard the forests, including those under license to cut. There will be some legislation as to water-power, and possibly as to asbestos, though it is not expected there will be an embargo on the export of raw asbestos, as has been mentioned from time to time. What the Legislature is likely to do, however, is to force companies which manufacture the raw materials in Canada, and this can readily be done by an adjustment of the royalties by the enactment of a sliding scale which will allow of rebates of royalties, in whole or in part, on such raw matter which is manufactured in the country.

The Church Union Bill will come before the Legislature again. Last session the Legislature, in giving what amounted to a six-months' hoist to the union bill, expressed its readiness to enact a bill should the Legislature of Ontario do so. Ontario has done so, and the procedure laid down in that province will be followed here. The antis do not intend to oppose the union bill, but will want amendments to provide that they at least will retain the Montreal Presbyterian College, and that some provision be made for minorities of assenting Presbyterian congregations.

There has been some talk of a general provincial election in the province following the conclusion of the forthcoming session, but there is lack of authority for such a presumption and the normal belief is that the Legislature will have its usual four sessions before the Government again appeals to the people.

Brentwood

Special to The Times

Brentwood, Dec. 26.—The West Saanich Women's Institute held their annual turkey card party on Wednesday evening, sixteen tables being engaged in play. The first prize, turkeys, were captured by Mrs. R. E. Smith, Mrs. T. Peden, Mr. Petch and Mr. Guy. Three tables tied for second prize, the winners of the cut being Mrs. H. Creed, Mrs. H. Young, Councillor Hogan and R. Anderson. The consolation prizes were awarded to Mrs. R. J. Freeland, Mrs. Overton, Father Scheelan and Mr. Atkins. The special prizes were won by A. Petch, C. Hammond and F. Richardson. A short dance followed the card game, the music being kindly supplied by Misses Eleanor and Lillian Walker and Mr. H. Rochon, while Miss Eleanor Walker also played several pianoforte selections which were much enjoyed.

The Anglican Church service will be held on Sunday next at 3 p.m. at the Institute Hall, Brentwood.

Mr. Williamson, who has been spending the past few months with Mr. and Mrs. T. Peden of Moodyville, has left for his home in Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Walker and daughter, Norma, of Bamberton are spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Freeland, Stelly's Cross Road.

PRISONERS' CHRISTMAS

Winnipeg, Dec. 26.—While the great majority of the prisoners in the provincial jail here were eating their dinner together in the dining-room yesterday, Steve Nasar and John Stanton, sentenced to death on murder charges, were served meals alone in their cells. They accepted the Christmas turkey and plum pudding and Stanton called for a second helping and asked the guard to express to the other prisoners his wishes for "Better luck next year."

REGIMENTAL ACTIVITIES

Fifth (B.C.) Heavy Coast Brigade orders by Lieut.-Col. J. C. Harris, commanding, headquarters, Victoria, December 22, 1925:

C.A.A. Competition, C.A.—The following letter has been received from national defence headquarters: "Will you please inform the officers commanding the 55th and 56th Heavy Coast Brigade, C.A., that the honorable the minister and members of the National Defence Council congratulate them and all ranks on the good work done, and the very high standard of efficiency shown by their batteries.

"The district officer commanding wishes to add his congratulations, and to state that the results attained are extremely gratifying."

The officer commanding wishes to extend the season's greetings to all ranks of the brigade.

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JUDGE A. W. FRATER DIED IN SEATTLE

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Seattle, Dec. 26.—A. W. Frater, seventy, for twenty-one unbroken years a judge of the Superior Court here, died yesterday. He came to the state in 1888 and was a member of the Legislature before being elected to the bench. He was a pioneer in juvenile and domestic extensions of judicial functions.

SAYS U.S. AEROPLANE TOTAL IS TOO LOW

319 Army Service Planes on Hand June 30 Last, States General Patrick

Washington, Dec. 26.—A new and official array of figures on how many service aeroplanes the United States army really has—a question that has been batted about in air service investigational circles for the last year with as much confusion of answers as the old catch, "How old is Ann?"—is furnished in the report to Secretary Davis by Major-General Mason M. Patrick, air service chief.

Speaking as of June 30 last, General Patrick said there were 319 service aeroplanes on hand, an attached note adding:

"Does not include war-time equipment and experimental types. War-time equipment is unsuited for active service and has deteriorated to the extent of needing immediate replacement."

These planes "on hand" were tabulated as consisting of 31 training, 167 observation, 95 bombardment and 26 pursuit planes. There were no attack of transport types in the list.

A second grouping of "aeroplanes contracted for or scheduled for purchase but not yet delivered," included 165 training, 99 observation, 40 bombardment, 85 pursuit, no attack and 10 transport types, making a total on hand or in early prospect of 737 machines of all types.

Under "shortage" of aeroplanes General Patrick said this 737 figure represented a deficiency of 850 planes under "present peace-time requirements" and of 2,180 under the Lassiter Board project for the air service approved by the department. He placed the cost of making up the shortage to present requirements at $15,603,000 and to the Lassiter Board schedule at $43,429,000.

PARIS PEOPLE HAD A GAY CHRISTMAS

Paris, Dec. 26.—Paris turned its back on the fallen franc and the country's financial despondency and celebrated the gayest and most unrestricted Christmas the capital had seen since 1914.

The traditional gaiety and joyousness and spirit of Christmas took Paris by storm early on Thursday evening and, aided by the mildness of the weather and the absence of rain, kept the citizens crowding the streets and the cafes until 8 o'clock Christmas morning.

Montmartre was crammed to the bursting point.

The starry sky was the limit for turkey and goose suppers. The cost of a supper averaged 500 francs (about $20) in the districts along the Champs Elysee and around the operas, but prices in the Latin quarter and the Mont Parnesse were more reasonable.

Sayward

Special to The Times

Sayward, Dec. 26—It was a jolly party of school children which assembled at the community hall Saturday, December 19, to take part in the annual Christmas festivities. Old-time children's games were played before all sat down to a real Christmas tea. After tea games were resumed until 7 o'clock, at which time the concert programme commenced. A very good crowd attended to hear the children, who creditably rendered a lengthy and interesting programme which included songs, recitations and dialogues. A pretty musical flag drill was given by the children of the upper school. At the conclusion of the concert the children were presented with gifts by Santa from the time honored Christmas tree, after which the secretary of the School Board made the announcement that the special Strathcona Prize for 1925 had been awarded to the Sayward Lower School for general efficiency, reflecting great credit on the school children and their able teacher, Miss D. Bagshaw, considering that over forty rural schools compete for this prize. Mrs. J. B. Howes, Miss C. Hinder and Frank Smitt supplied music for dancing. Midnight lunch was served by the ladies of the district.

The district school teachers, Miss C. Blakemore and Miss D. Bagshaw, left for their homes in Alberni for their Christmas holidays on Sunday's boat.

J. D. Macdonald of the Department of Public Works, who has had charge of the road work in the valley during this season, left for his home in Victoria on the last boat.

PLANE DAMAGED AND FLIGHT DELAYED

Casablanca, Morocco, Dec. 26—The aeroplane with which Count Casablanca had hoped to make a flight to South America was blown from its moorings here during a heavy gale and so seriously damaged it is entirely out of commission. All efforts to obtain spare parts suitable for repair purposes failed, and there is no plant in Casablanca capable of making them.

An urgent message has been sent to Italy to rush the necessary parts with the least possible delay, but under the best conditions it will be impossible for Casablanca to resume his air trip for more than two or three weeks.

NO NEW HONORS FOR WEMBLEY MEN

Forecast of British New Year List Says They Will be Disappointed

London, Dec. 26 (Canadian Press Cable)—The coming New Year's list of honors is likely to be comprised on the lines of staid respectability which has characterized the lists in recent years.

Lord Dunedin, who is well known to many Canadians through his diligence in sitting as a member of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, probably will be created a Viscount.

Right Hon. Andrew Graham Murray, K.C., was created first Baron Dunedin in 1905. He has been Solicitor-General for Scotland, Secretary for Scotland, Lord Advocate for Scotland and Lord Justice-General and Lord President of the Court of Sessions, Scotland. He represented the Bute and Northern Division of Ayr and Bute in the House of Commons from 1891 to 1905.

WEMBLEY INFLUENCE

The honors list may prove to be as interesting for its omissions as for its inclusions.

A little group consisting of several men who took a more or less prominent part in the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley are said to be hoping against hope something may come their way in connection with the distribution of honors on the first day of 1926, but it is thought they are likely to be disappointed. When the exhibition opened in 1924 three honors were given. Sir James, now Lord Stephenson, who was chairman of the standing committee of the exhibition, was raised to the peerage and the principal architect, J. W. Simpson, and the principal engineer, E. C. Williams, were knighted.

Since then, however, further aspirants for honors because of their Wembley connections have been disappointed, their claims having been disregarded by three different Colonial Secretaries.

WOULD BE DISAPPOINTED

Doubtless Premier Baldwin and Lieut.-Colonel L. C. Amery, Secretary for the Dominions, have speculated on what the guarantors of the Wembley Exhibition, who have given a good many thousand pounds for their faith in the exhibition and its management would say if some of the well paid officials were to receive titular distinctions at the New Year.

As already noted, some Australians have scarcely concealed their resentment that no honors came their way when the British Empire Exhibition first opened.

London Had no Snow For Christmas

London, Dec. 26.—Two-thirds of the British Isles had an old-fashioned white Christmas, but London's record for green ones is still unbroken, yesterday made the nineteenth without Christmas snow in the metropolis. It was a muggy day out of doors, but within the fires blazed cheerfully and all the time-honored festivities were carried out more extensively than in any year since the Great War.

There is a distinct note of peace and good will in industry as the New Year approaches. This is evidenced by the provisional agreement in the shipbuilding industry for the avoidance of disputes in the future, the miners' ballot, which is now progressing, on a scheme intended to settle questions without stoppage of work, and the probable avoidance of a crisis in the railway world.

SCHOOL CONCERT HELD AT SHIRLEY

At the annual Christmas tree held in the Shirley Schoolhouse there was a large attendance of parents and friends. The schoolhouse was prettily decorated with evergreens. The programme presented by the children was good and great credit is due to their teacher, Miss Locke, who trained them. Mr. O. T. Aspray was in the chair.

The programme was as follows:: Song, "Merry Christmas," the school; "Little Miss Chestnut," Agatha Milligan; "Getting Some Christmas Money," Philip Arden; "A Long Ago Night," Kathleen Milligan and Irene Clark; "Almost," Violet Aspray; "Farewell to the Birds," the school; "So It is," Hazel Clark; "Secrets," Lewis Milligan; "If I Were Santa," Evelyn Clark, Sturdee Arden, Leslie Clark; "His Truly Name," Emily Aspray; "The Legend of a Christmas Tree," the school; "The Prayer," Evelyn Clark; "A Little Bird's Whisper,' Beatrice Sullivan; Christmas Stockings, Jim Arden and Tom Sullivan; "What We May Be," Vera Sullivan; "A Warning," Douglas Clark; "A Christmas Carol," the school; "The Proof," Wilfred Clark; "Of Course They Would," Constance Aspray; "Billy's Christmas Present," Earl Clark; "Writing to Santa," Vera Sullivan and Violet Aspray; "A Letter to Santa Claus," the school.

At the conclusion of the programme Santa Claus arrived in his usual cheery manner and stripped the tree of the presents thereon and handed them to the children. Refreshments were then handed round and a very enjoyable evening with dancing and games was brought to a close with a hearty vote of thanks to the teacher and all who helped to make the entertainment such a success.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Robertson have gone to Victoria for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Arden spent the week-end in Victoria.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kirby of North Sooke spent the week-end with their parents at Coal Creek.

Mr. H. J. Kirby of Coal Creek is demonstrating a new tractor which he recently purchased.

Last Saturday a meeting was held in the schoolhouse to elect a trustee in place of Mrs. E. T. Arden, whose term had expired. Edwin Clark was in the chair. Mrs. O. T. Aspray was elected unanimously.

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MAN IN VANCOUVER WAS KILLED BY FALL

Allen Crawford, One Leg Broken, Was Patient in Hospital

Vancouver, Dec. 26.—Allen Crawford, fifty-four, of Texada Island, a patient in the Vancouver General Hospital, where he was being treated for a broken leg, met death early this morning in a fall at the institution, according to a report made to the police. Crawford was missed from his ward about 2 o'clock a.m., and several hours later his dead body was found on the pavement below a balcony on the third floor. He evidently had fallen over the railing. A dense fog prevailed at the time.

Seville, Spain, Dec. 26—The floods of the Guadalquivir and adjacent rivers have done material damage estimated at more than 3,000,000 pesetas ($450,000), confined for the most part to destruction of merchandise piled along the piers which could not be removed in time. Grain worth about 500,000 pesetas and forty new automobiles were badly damaged by water, while 30,000 bags of cement were also destroyed.

Though the Gaudalquivir River receded on Thursday, it rose yesterday once more when torrential rains commenced again.

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Victoria Tries Out Artificial Sunlight

Cuts Growing Time of Flowers and Plants in Half

FLORISTS FORCE BLOOMS FOR CHRISTMAS AND EASTER SALE UPON SCIENTIFIC PRINCIPLE

Analogy Between Radiant Energy of Sunlight and That of Incandescent Electric Light Definitely Established by Tests; Tulips Bloom in Fourteen Days, Hyacinths in Seventeen; Tomatoes Are Heavier and Firmer and Ahead of Usual Time; Leaf Vegetables Are Double the Size

IF experiments successfully conducted in Victoria prove commercially profitable, first lettuce, first tomatoes, first asparagus, first rhubarb and so on of the season from California may soon prove a thing of the past. Vancouver Island in general may open the season with the products of the soil which fetch big prices by their initial entry a week or two ahead of those of any other district. California now has a slight but valuable lead, but the Golden State stands in danger of losing it. Artificial sunlight may enable Victoria to compete with the products that are rushed to Victoria just a week or two ahead of the Island's own products.

Speeding up plant growth with artificial sunlight it is believed will cut the growing time in half. Recent developments have proved conclusively that plant growth can be accelerated by the use of simple electric equipment to the point where it matures as long as 27 days in advance of normal growth, or where tulips which ordinarily require four weeks for forcing into bloom will be in full bloom in 14 to 18 days. Hyacinths which ordinarily would have needed four weeks to bloom have been brought into bloom in 17 days, and daffodils have been forced ahead a week.

The experiments in Victoria were carried out at Wilkerson Nurseries on Douglas Street. They were halted with the death of the proprietor of the gardens, but it is planned to resume them elsewhere. That the growth can be accelerated is a point beyond dispute. Further experiments will decide whether if carried out on a large scale it would prove a commercial.

RESULTS PROVE THEORY

Results have proved the theory beyond the shadow of a doubt, but rather from a scientific angle than a commercially practicable one. The theory of electric light to stimulate plant growth is similar to that applied in the case of poultry. It is well known that by burning electric lights in the hen house for a few hours at night, the hens are kept awake longer and will eat more feed. As a result they lay more eggs. Similarly by supplying plants with a few additional hours sunshine they are kept awake longer and enabled to grow more. Plants assimilate food from the air only under the stimulation of light, therefore the longer they receive light the more food they secure and the faster they grow. Of course, plants require a rest just as men and animals do, so the artificial light is burned only five hours a night, leaving the balance of the time for sleep.

TULIPS RESPONDED WELL TO RAYS

With Victoria fast becoming famous for its tulips, it will be interesting to refer to the tests of plants grown from bulbs which were made in Jersey City. The question of bulb plants and artificial sunlight is important, as practically all the plants grown in greenhouses for Easter are bulbous, such as Easter lilies, hyacinths, tulips, daffodils and narcissi. The grower plants his bulbs and figures it will take a certain length of time for them to blossom after root and top growth have been obtained. He is out of luck, however, if a week or two of dull weather intervenes. His plants cannot bloom without sunlight, so instead of being ready two or three days before Easter they may not bloom until the day after.

EASTER LILIES AT EASTER TIME

The demand, however, is entirely before Easter. A plant worth three dollars will perhaps bring one dollar the day after. In fact, it may fetch nothing at all. So the grower faces partial or absolute loss of a valuable crop.

But with artificial sunlight he is safe. With the powerful electric lights in a hothouse he can be absolutely certain of having his flowers ready for any date, no matter what the weather conditions may be.

In the Jersey City test about one thousand bulbs of various classes were planted in pots in November and left until February 1 in order to obtain the necessary root growth, no top growth developing during the period. Half the collection was then placed in the hothouse under eight 500-watt lamps in reflectors and the other half nearby where the conditions were identical except for the lack of artificial light. A curtain was placed between the two collections and the lights turned on for five hours every night over the test plants.

CUT THE GROWING TIME IN HALF

The results were astonishing. Single tulips bloomed in fourteen to eighteen days instead of the usual three to three and a half weeks; hyacinths in seventeen days instead of three and a half to four weeks; daffodils in two weeks instead of three, and tulips in twenty days instead of four to five weeks. In every case the plants under the lights were far more vigorous than those not so treated.

The tests were carried out under six 500-watt clear lamps in deep metal bowl reflectors placed six feet from the ground and two feet apart. For six weeks, from 9 in the evening until 2 o'clock in the morning, these powerful lamps shed their rays on lettuce, tomato and rhubarb plants, substituting for the sun. The time selected is considered the most suitable. After that the plants must have their beauty sleep, which the experts point out is just as necessary to a plant as it is to human being.

LEAF GROWTH WAS DOUBLED

With the use of these substitute rays it was found that leaf growth was approximately double that produced under ordinary conditions.

On lettuce seed planted in shallow boxes on March 5, and on which electric lights were turned on the same day at 9 o'clock in the evening and 1 o'clock in the morning for fifteen days the results both in germination and leaf growth were striking under artificial light and sunlight compared with similar boxes under sunlight only, as illustrations on this page show.

TOMATOES HEAVIER AND EARLIER

Tomatoes grown with the aid of manufactured sunlight under conditions as stated above, were from 15 to 20 per cent. heavier in weight, besides being one week earlier. There was a more vigorous growth of vine and they were well shaped and firm. The rhubarb grown in the same way was clearer and of brighter color, besides being ahead of the other rhubarb by weeks.

S. J. Halls, manager of the light and power department of the B.C. Electric Company, frankly confesses that the idea of using electricity to force the growth of plants and flowers did not originate here.

"It was tried out in Germany first, he said, but not the artificial sunlight method. Twelve years ago, copying the German method here, tests were made with high voltage wires strung over the plants. For germinating the seeds it proved a success, but the cost was too high here to make it commercially feasible."

BEST DISTRICT FOR EXPERIMENTS

Vancouver Island territory is believed to be the best on the continent for artificial sunlight tests, and for this reason they are attracting considerable attention from big electric companies and nurserymen.

Tests are being made in other parts, however. The value of electric light for accelerating the growth of plants was conclusively proved in a six weeks test recently completed by the Westinghouse Lamp Company. During the tests, which were conducted in co-operation with seedsmen at Baldwin, L.I., many of the specimens exposed to electric light grew to approximately twice the size of similar plants receiving daylight only and were considered by experts to be from fourteen to twenty days in advance of normal growth.

Two 110-volt farm lighting plants were used to supply the power for the experiments showing that the use of artificial light for forcing plant growth is not restricted to localities where central station power is available.

TRIED OUT ON VEGETABLES

On the 1st of September twelve varieties of vegetables and twelve varieties of flowers were sown in shallow boxes, or flats as the gardeners call them. The soil used was ordinary light sandy soil such as is generally used to start seedlings. Two sets of flat were sown, one set for growing under artificial light and the other for growing with daylight only.

Vegetable seeds selected for experiment were snowball cauliflower, easy blanching celery, tendergreen bean, bush Lima bean, carrots, cucumbers, lettuce, radish, beets, muskmelons and tomatoes. Flowers selected were daisies, calendula, blue lace flower, baby's breath, snapdragon, lavender, impatiens, mignonette, wallflower, cinerari, begonia and aster.

DIFFERENCE FROM OUTSET

Both sets were grown under identical conditions of heat and moisture on opposite benches. When the electric lights were turned on an oilcloth curtain divided one group from the other. The light was switched on every night at 8 p.m. and shut off automatically at 1 o'clock in the morning.

Almost from the outset there there was a marked difference noted in the germination of the seedlings under the electric light. Germination was hastened in some cases as in the beans, celery, lettuce, and endive among the vegetables and calendula, gypsophila, antirrhinum, snapdragon, mignonette and wallflower among the flowers to the extent of four to twelve days, depending on variety. The advantage gained with the advanced germination was maintained in every case through to the end of the experiment. In some cases there was no perceptible growth, particularly in the root crops, including beets, carrots and radishes.

DEFINITELY ESTABLISHED

That there is a certain analogy between the radiant energy of sunlight and that of an incandescent electric light was definitely established by the fact that the chlorophyll was more active in those plants which received the additional light. The foliage presented a richer, greener, more turgid and vigorous appearance than that of the plants that were denied the advantage of additional light. Also in the case of vine crops, cucumbers and muskmelons the stems of the plant were heavier and stockier than those of the plans grown without the electric light.

In this experiment the fact was established that all plants presenting a large leaf surface are greatly stimulated by the use of electric light, as in the case of the leaf crops, such as lettuce and endive.

REDUCES TIME OF OF SEEDLINGS

The tests indicate that electric light will be useful to florists and gardeners in forcing flowers for definite dates, such as Christmas and Easter, and in reducing the time required for seedlings to grow large enough for transplanting.

Experts are of the opinion that no use of artificial light, in addition to that involving the eye, can be of greater benefit to humanity than this recently developed application to the stimulation of the growth and development of plants and vegetables. They are convinced that this stimulation of growth does not necessarily require the same intensity of light as daylight, nor does it seem necessary to reproduce exactly the color qualities of daylight.

What the development means to agriculture it is hard to predict. It seems, however, to promise a means of doubling the speed of development of many species and bids fair to enable the horticulturists to bring flowers into bloom at the time the market is at its best.

Engineers commenting on the chief facts that have been so far established regarding the effect of artificial light on plant growth, state:

"First, the best lamp size appears to be the 500-watt clear bulb in deep bowl metal reflectors which, placed from four to six feet above the ground, can be so spaced as to give foot-candle values on the soil of from 500 to 1,500. It would be a question of the types of plants and their habits that would decide what heat is allowable, but ordinarily there are no bad results if the soil temperature does not get much above 80 deg. F.

"Second, the light ordinarily need not be applied until germination begins, but in the case of seeds planted on or near the surface of the earth such as grass, we find the artificial light effective from the time of planting, and the combination of light and heat will increase the speed of germination as well as the speed of plant growth.

FIVE EXTRA HOURS

"Third, the continuous growth of the plant does not seem to be advisable, and the best results so far obtained have been with an average artificial lighting period of five hours per night beginning, say, at 9 or 10 p.m. in order that after sunset or before sunrise the plant may have a rest period; interpreted to mean that probably this allows the plant to draw moisture from the soil and retain its equilibrium that might be upset by continuous high rate of evaporation from the leaves.

"Fourth, the three tests so far made have been on vegetables in the late Fall; vegetables and flowers together in the early Winter, and bulb plants in the late Winter. All these tests indicate that the majority of plants and flowers will grow much more rapidly under artificial light stimulation. Recent tests not yet published indicate that satisfactory growth at a high rate of speed can be had under artificial light alone providing the quality of the light is not widely different from daylight.

"Fifth, the system is considered feasible for limited and concentrated areas in a greenhouse."

In the use of artificial light to promote plant growth experience has not yet determined just how far some plants should be forced to produce the best results. In extended observations of a number of plants it was found that the higher levels of the foot-candle intensity were more productive of forced growth, the duplication of daylight was not necessary. Average daylight foot-candle illumination in a greenhouse is on the order of 1,200-2,000 on a clear day, or 150-300 on a cloudy day. The artificial lighting installations, furnishing from 400-750 foot-candle have given good results.

When the intensity of light on the plant falls below 500 foot-candles, the results of forced growth are not usually commensurable with the operating cost. The best results have apparently been obtained in a range from 500 to 1,500 foot-candles, depending on the plant or groups of plants the greenhouse grower produces.

Experiments have shown the most practical method of producing the amount of light recommended for the greenhouse propagating benches was to arrange the lamps in reflectors, as shown in the illustrations on this page.

The deep bowl reflectors mounted in this manner give a maximum concentration of the light on the bench surface, and the sliding cross pipe provides a flexible arrangement for increasing the distance of the lamps above the bench surface as the plants grow.

ARTIFICIAL LIGHT ALONE

To supplement daylight a favorable schedule so far investigated is to burn from 10 or 11 p.m. to 2 or 3 a.m. Longer periods are feasible if little or no natural daylight is present. It should not be forgotten that good plant growth may be secured under artificial light alone and in such cases the burning time can be extended to the equivalent of daytime, ten to fourteen hours.

ROSES FOR CHRISTMAS

It is claimed that rare and valuable plants can be grown right out of season by the use of artificial light. There is also a probable advantage in maintaining during the Winter plants which demand a high intensity of light.

The stronger the light the more marked the results on the average plant providing excessive heat can be guarded against. Individual plants tend to vary considerably under different light and heat intensities. A temperature increase of approximately fifteen per cent. over normal greenhouse soi. temperature results when the lights are in operation.

HASTENING THE GROWTH WITH ARTIFICIAL SUNLIGHT

An installation of lamps and reflectors In a greenhouse to bring flowers into bloom

BULBS BROUGHT RAPIDLY TO BLOOM

BOTH PLANTED AT THE SAME TIME

A—Lettuce grown under sunlight only, in Victoria
B—Lettuce grown under sunlight and electric light

The Fireside Traveler

Personally Conducted Tours; Faery Lands Forlorn; On Travels Adventuresome; The Journeyman Mason

By ROBERT CONNELL

With the Winter evenings there comes the peculiar delight of a pleasant book beside a cheerful fire; I say nothing of "My Lady Nicotine," since her charms are not such that all are susceptible to them. What shall the book be? To many nothing satisfies to the same degree as does a book of travel. Especially to the active in Summer and its flanking seasons is an agreeable solace found in the wanderer's tale and its descriptions of other places, other men and other manners. It is, so far as one knows, the particular prerogative of man to be able to travel imaginatively, and what is more to create new lands of his own. For, curiously enough, when we are apparently in leading-strings to our author we are mentally reconstructing the scenes and persons he describes. Very often, and I am inclined to think almost always, our personal localities bear little resemblance to the originals. When eighteen years ago I accepted work in California I spent a good deal of time reading up the attainable descriptions of the country surrounding our propective home in the Santa Clara Valley. Filled with the "local color" of my authors I went south as to a land with which I was alerady on recognition terms, but to my amazement I found myself, for all my reading, in a country strange and unknown. What I had taken to be descriptive terms I found were but generalities; if I had trusted myself to that best of Californian books, "Ramona," I should have found what is by no means an uncommon experience, that fiction contained more truth than the fact-complications for economic and other utilitarian purposes.

PERSONALLY CONDUCTED TOURS

Every writer of a travel-book is the "personal conductor" of a party made up of his readers. I suppose Thomas Cook was the first to give to the "personally conducted tour" a "local habitation and a name." At any rate we always associate the one with the other. My first acquaintance with the name of the travelers' friend was through a parody of "The Last Rose of Summer," in an annual of my childhood. It began:

"'Twas the last of Cook's tourists," after which memory is a blank, save for the drawings of the said tourist in helmet and pugaree, wandering disconsolately in some foreign land. Now all personally conducted tours are apt to labor under the disadvantage of being expressions of one man's whim. If I take you tramping through the hills of Sooke you will assuredy be led to what interests me; your interest will be a by-product of the process. This accounts for the partial, if not erroneous, views we arrive at from the perusal of many travelers' books. Indeed, it is strengthened, since they not only choose the route with all its necessary omissions and inclusions, but they show us the landscape and the people through their own spectacles and binoculars. As a rule, the more personal a writer is, the more interesting to his readers. But that means that his pictures are colored by his characteristics. If his color-sense is defective his descriptions of sunrise and sunset on the Delectable Mountains will suffer; his population may be clothed in sad raiment, when their garments were as the coat of Joseph, and vice versa. Forests may be diminished to "scattered trees," and, as is more likely, of the few he may create a "forest." When the great Dr. Johnson visited Loch Lomond in 1773 he described its celebrated islets thus: "The islets, which court the gazer at a distance, disgust him at his approach, when he finds instead of soft lawns and shady thickets nothing more than uncultivated ruggedness." When we compare this with the opinion of one of the sanest of modern guides, "beautiful islands of ever varying form," we are surprised until we recall that on the occasion of the Doctor's visit there was a heavy rain, and he who knows the trouble involved in pushing one's way through soaked and soaking thickets will after all sympathize with the English philosopher. But it illustrates how the weather, a headache, disappointment, a landlord's bill, mosquitoes, any of these, singularly of conjointly, may temper the landscape to the murky dinginess of an old and forgotten "master," and place human nature in such a prospective as shall make honest men seem half rogues. After all, it is our own imaginations that must be ever adding the necessary salt to the successive dishes.

FAERY LANDS FORLORN

Among travel books, first place must be given to the works of fanciful writers, partly because most early travels were of fancy largely wrought and partly because we all begin in the same realm. I well remember the sheer delight of lying on a Summer's day with face upturned to a sky whose deep blue was traversed by mountainous clouds, and thus imagining that I was gazing into another sea than ours, an inverted ocean from which no hills, no long and weary roads, could ever separate one. Something of that glamour must have been on the early travelers as they penned their "Voyages." But, of course, these are admixtures of fact and fiction, difficult, but not altogether impossible, of unravelment. But there are other travelers whose realms are indeed "faery forlorn." Such is the immortal Gulliver. Returning to England to school an elderly gentleman entered into conversation with me and discovering my love for reading, asked if I had ever read "Gulliver's Travels." On my negative he said, "You shall have it at the next railway bookstall where a copy can be had." And so I went merrily south, a traveler not through Northumberland, Durham and York, but far away in Lilliput and Brobdignag. These parts can be read with laughing enjoyment by every boy and girl, since they are quite independent of the political significance which permeates and embitters the Laputa and Land of the Houyhnhnms sections. Then there are the islands of Robinson Crusoe and of that much-denounced people, the Swiss Family Robinson. For the latter, I confess to a feeling of admiration in spite of the contemptuous attitude of present-day Georgians, for I remember vividly the intense pleasure my uncritical mind received from the minute enumeration of the shifts and discoveries of the new home. Crusoe is for a later stage and was not written any more than Gulliver for youth. The lands in which our young minds love to linger are Utopias, through the chase and the tent, rather than of the political world. The fashioning of a flint arrow-head beguiles us more than the founding of a constitution, and a sail on the horizon would draw us beachwards with haste from the warmest argument on the mutual relations of church and state. Where shall we put Jules Verne with his unforgettable stories of mingled science and romance? I see again the French illustrations wherein the most John Bullish of Englishmen passes under the magic of the pencil and emerges French of the French, retaining but some additional whisker to mark his place of origin. More than any modern writer he has been to one generation of boys, at least, the opener of "magic casements."

OF TRAVELS ADVENTURESOME

All books of travel are in some sense the records of voyages of adventure. R. L. Stevenson's delightful "Travels with a donkey in the Cevennes" is such, and so is the equally delightful "Road to Rome," of Hilaire Belloc, which I fear has given many a good Protestant a greater shock than did George Borrow's "Bible in Spain" to the Bible Society. But to speak of Borrow is to say that of all "travels adventuresome" I go back more frequently to "Lavengro" and "Romany Rye," its sequel, than to any other. "There's a wind on the heath, brother; if I could only feel that I would gladly live forever" is the key-note of them both, and a very good one, too. Of course, "Gil Blas" and "Don Quixote" were followers on the road of adventure, and of more recent acquaintance is the inimitable Tartarin who from the quiet of fireside travel was thrust by fate into the pursuit of lions and the ascent of Alpine peaks. I wonder how many have taken the path which leads to the ever-calling West, which is spiritual rather than geographical, from the inspiration of the printed page. To be again autobiographical, I seem to date my love of the wild from the reading of an early chapter in an almost forgotten book, "The Old Lieutenant and His Son." The author was Dr. Norman Macleod who for many years edited "Good Words," and was a warm friend of Dean Stanley and Charles Kingsley. I have forgotten the precise nature of the incident recorded, but an impression remains of a camp, projected or fulfilled, on an island off a village on the east coast of Scotland, and in spite of difficulties it seemed to me the most desirable experience on earth, and so sank into my youthful consciousness irremovably. I must not omit a book which stands apart by reason of its brevity and its wit, its vivid description and its classical touch, all in English "pure and undefiled." "Eothen," the work of A. K. Kinglake, the historian of the Crimean War, is a wonderful picture of the "unchanging East," in Asia Minor and Syria. Chiefly taken up with the human characters who move across the scene, it contains some beautiful descriptions of scenery. "I looked yet farther, and higher, and saw in the heavens a silvery cloud that stood fast and still in the breeze; it was pure and dazzling white as might be the veil of Cytherea, yet touched with some fire, as though from beneath the loving eyes of an immortal were shining through and through. I knew the bearing, but had enormously misjudged its distance and underrated its height, and so it was as a sign and testimony—almost as a call from the neglected gods that now I saw and acknowledged the snowy crown of the Mysian Olympus!" His visit to Lady Hester Stanhope is a strange incident in the book. At the time of his progress from Stamboul to the Libanus and Syria the chief adversary was the plague whose victims met one on the street as they were borne hastily to burial.

"Eothen" may well introduce us into the society of the real books of travel, the solid volumes which enshrine the experiences and observations of men whose wanderings were the fruit of considered plans and the fulfillment of long-cherished hopes. In such, the personal element is subsidiary to the scenes visited and the facts observed. In Livingstone's "Journals" the land and the people are the real objects before the mental retina, and what we gather of Livingstone is by the way. So in that "Voyage of the Beagle," which made the first beginnings of Charles Darwin's future fame, it is the fruit of patient, intelligent observation that meets us page after page, till South America becomes to us more than the Andes and the Amazons of geography, and in the presence of its rocks and natural history it becomes clothed in reality. Another South American book does the same for the Amazons themselves as we wander with W. H. Bates along the streams with his Indians or through the dense forest by some footpath way. Hooker's Himalayan Journals are, I think, too long, but they contain remarkable accounts of both the geology and botany of the country he traversed.

THE JOURNEYMAN MASON

The geologists have not been backward in their travel books. The early volumes of the U.S.A. Geological Survey dealing with the Western Territories are full of entertaining as well as useful matter. King in the Sierras, Hayden in the Grand Canyon and Gilbert in Western Colorado, each buried thrilling travel tales in official documents. The Canadian Geological reports are similarly interesting in their earlier numbers when Dawson, for example, was exploring the 49th parallel, or navigating our inland channel. The late Dr. Macoun's life-story has recently been published, but I have not yet seen it. Tyndall and Whymper produced classics on Alpine climbing, and Geikie and others have written travel essays, most of their work, however, going into official and technical channels. Hugh Miller is chiefly known by his "Footprints of the Creator" and "Testimony of the Rocks," in which he combated the old 'six days of the week" idea of creation. But to his books of theological debate I much prefer his inimitable "My Schools and Schoolmasters," "English Impressions," "Edinburgh and its Vicinity" and "Cruise of the Betsy." The first and last are my especial favorites, filled with the genius of his country. Stonemason, banker, editor, his was a varied career, full of energy and power, yet the thread which ran through all and made his name live long after old theological controversies were dead was his love for the geologist's hammer and the fossils of his Scottish cliffs. We don't, it is true, go to Hugh Miller to-day to learn exact science, but we do to get that better, since more living, thing, the inspiration which comes from comradeship. Frankly, I never sit reading one of his books without a sense of that great, curly-whiskered head of the portraits speaking, as it were, from behind the printed page. "He being dead yet speaketh." Well, I have touched only on some of the older books and ones which appeal most to myself. What fields lie beyond! What better for a Winter night than the story of the Mount Everest attack, or, further back, that tragic tale of Capt. Scott and his gallant company? Let me close with Cowper's words:

"He travels . . .
The manners, customs, policy of all
Pay contribution to the store he gleans;
He sucks intelligence in every clime,
And spreads the honey of his deep research
At his return, a rich repast for me.
He travels and I travel too. I tread his deck,
Ascend his topmast, through his peering eyes
Discover countries, with a kindred heart
Suffer his woes, and share in his escapes;
While fancy, like the finger of a clock,
Runs the great circuit, and is still at home."

PET WEENIE — Miss Lois Hoover introduces a fad in the East. Ulysses supplants her lap dog. He's a sweet, clean little pet, she says, and he'll never grow up to be a roast.

Shore, Field and Woodland

NATURE NOTES

By ROBERT CONNELL

One day last week as I wandered around the garden I chanced to spy a peep of color in a corner of a flower-bed. Stooping down, I found it to be a wide-open flower of forget-me-not below which were the as yet unopened buds. But save for the faintest tinge in one corner, the bloom was without its customary blue, its place taken by purple; so that with the dash of the sky in the corner the flower seemed to have been arrested in its color progress by the weaker rays of the Winter sun while still the mild weather permitted its unfolding and full development in size. It seemed peculiarly fitting that a plant with such a name should look upward from the cold, dark soil of December, even at the price at failure to reach its heavenly blue. The other day I came across one, at least, of the stories which have gathered around the name of this charming plant. It is to this effect: Long, long years ago, when knights went clad in shining armor even to the call of love and peace, a lover and his lady were strolling by the side of a pleasant stream. The high banks between which the waters ran swiftly were bright in the sunshine and wet with the dew. Suddenly, in the midst of their "sweet nothings," the lady saw, by the river's edge, the blue flowers of our little plant. "Oh, that I might have them!" she cried, and with that her lover climbed down the bank, holding himself from slipping by the branches of a shrub. But, alas! the shrub gave way and the knight plunged headlong. His heavy armor weighed him down and he sank beneath the stream, but ere he perished he uttered to her he loved the words, "Forget me not!" And such its name has remained to this day. It used to be said that after the battle the field of Waterloo in due course became radiant with forget-me-nots as if in memory of the brave of both armies. After the late war "on Flanders' fields the poppies blow."

NOW WITH BRIGHT HOLLY ALL THE TEMPLES STROW

So sings the poet Gay, and by the time my readers are sitting with their Saturday "Times" before them his advice will have been pretty generally taken. The custom of using holly at this season of the year arose among the Romans, who at their December feast of the Saturnalia were accustomed to send holly to their friends. Now our Christmas decorations, no doubt, originated in the taking over of the ancient pagan festival by the Church, as it took over many customs and practices, relating them to the new ideas and spirit. At first it seems that the clergy objected to the use of holly as did the Puritans later, but the popular will conquered as it has the habit of doing, in the long run, and holly stayed officially. But long before the Roman practice the ancient Persians had revered the holly for its wonedrful powers, so that it would seem that when we decorate churches and houses with the red-berried branches we are in line with beliefs and habits that go back to the dawn of the Aryan race at least. There are many species of holly, but our common one is a native of Great Britain. Individual plants differ much in respect to the waviness of the leaf edge, the presence or absence of spines, etc. The berries are sometimes yellow, though I do not remember ever having seen them of this color. Some trees bear very large berries and such have generally a smooth edged leaf. The staminate and pistillate flowers are borne on separate plants, and in consequence no berries appear except on the pistillate-flowered. Disappointment often awaits the planter from this cause, and the remedy is to purchase cnly trees that have reached the flowering age. The berries or their seeds are often carried by birds, and from them young plants spring up. One such grows in the heart of a near-by wood, and I have in the garden two young seedlings grown in this way. Among the curious ideas and practices associated with holly was the faith that chilblains might be cured by whipping them with holly branchlets. Conjoined to the notion of some mysterious power resident in the plant may have been some unconscious mental association of inflammation and bleeding with the scarifying effect of the spines upon the swollen hands or feet. Popular medicine has always retained among its more practical and reasonable treatments some whose barbarism can only be explained as the heirs of long-forgotten magic.

Business man (to applicant)—"I'm inclined to give you the position if you understand double-entry bookkeeping."

Applicant—"I do that. Why, at my last place I had to do a triple double entry—a set for the active partner showing the real profits, a set for the sleeping partner showing small profits, and a set for the income-tax return showing no profits."

The Curious Errors of Telegraphers

Some Amusing, Some Tragic, According to Henry Collins, Who for Sixty Years Was a Prominent Officer of Reuter's World-Circling News Agency

By PROFESSOR W. T. ALLISON

We scarcely ever see "Reuter's" at the head of news dispatches in the dailies of Canada and the United States, where the Associated Press takes first place, but every reader of English newspapers is familiar with the name of this world-girdling news agency. This pioneer of the news-gathering forces of modern times was founded by Baron Julius de Reuter, an Anglicized German, in 1851, when he established a twice-a-day service of telegrams between London and Paris. At first he confined his attention to the transmission of bourse and stock exchange quotations to private subscribers in the two capitals, but gradually extended the service to newspapers and covered events of importance. The complete history of his enterprise from his first attempt to transmit financial news between Brussels and Aix-la-Chapelle by means of carrier pigeons to the year 1865, when he had opened branches throughout the world, has not yet been written, but a very good idea of this modern romance can be gathered from a new volume, "From Pigeon Post to Wireless," by Henry M. Collins (Hodder and Stoughton, Toronto), one of the Baron's employees who grew up with the business, and now, a clear-minded old gentleman of eighty-one, looks back upon a career of astonishing interest.

NEWS OF AMERICAN CIVIL WAR

Mr. Collins first came into touch with Reuter when he acted as private tutor to his son, Herbert. When, in 1862, Mr. Collins, who was then a lad of eighteen, joined the humble news agency, it had begun to serve leading English newspapers with telegraphic news from the continent. One of Mr. Collins's first stories of the enterprise of the Baron has to do with the transmission of news of the American Civil War. In those days there was no Atlantic cable. "Mr. Reuter," writes Mr. Collins, "knowing that the incoming Cunard and Inman mail steamers first sigted land in the vicinity of Crookhaven, ninety miles down the Irish coast, obtained authority to erect a telegraph wire of his own between that place and Cork. On this work approaching completion, he purchased a small steamer, and no sooner was the smoke of the incoming Atlantic liner seen above the horizon than the little vessel hastened to intercept it on its homeward course. Acting under instructions, the New York agent had placed his dispatches in a hermetically sealed tin box, on which provision was made for hoisting a small flag. The box was entrusted to the purser, and so soon as the mail steamer came within hailing distance it was cast overboard, with the diminutive flag fluttering in the breeze, picked up out of the frequently turbulent sea, and then conveyed at top speed to Crookhaven. The telegrams (often containing news of momentous events) were handed over to the operators, and sent off direct to Reuter's head office in London. By this means eight hours at the least were gained, and competitors were left hopelessly behind."

PLENTY TO DRINK, LITTLE TO SMOKE

Mr. Collins began his travels in 1866, when he was sent to India to organize Reuter's business in the East, with his headquarters at Bombay. At that time the Suez Canal had not been opened. He had to make a long voyage on a P. and O. steamer. Ocean travel has undergone great changes in the last sixty years. In 1866 the P. and O. liners were regarded as the last word in luxury, but we read that the decks were lined on either side with pens of sheep and poultry, and one or two cows were carried not for roasting, as were the other animals, but for milking. Smoking was not the popular pastime that it is to-day. It is amusing to read that a canvas enclosure was erected on the grating round the wheel at the stern for those who wished to waft incense to Lady Nicotine. The cabins were lit with candles and no lights of any kind were allowed after 11 p.m. But if there was little light and less smoking, there was much guzzling and gourmandising. "Dinner," says Mr. Collins, "was served at 4 p.m. and wines and spirits were supplied free without any restriction, a privilege that, unfortunately, was very much abused. Champagne was opened on Wednesdays and Sundays, together with the best brands of liqueurs."

EXPECTORATING WITH A PURPOSE

Many interesting stories are told of the efforts of Eastern merchants to tap the wires and so get intelligence of the fluctuations of the English cotton market before the news came through the regular sources. Mr. Collins noticed that a native squatted on the sidewalk opposite his office every morning and after waiting there a while would jump up suddenly, hail a cab, and be driven rapidly away. Suspecting everything was not right in his office, Collins and an English employee investigated. Watch was kept on the colored clerks in the telegraph office, who were engaged at an early hour every morning in making multiple copies of the overnight quotations from Liverpool and Manchester. It was discovered that every morning one of the clerks would "go to the window, open it, and then expectorate into the street precisely at the moment when the native left the doorstep and drove away in the direction of the cotton bazaar. The method was simplicity itself. No paper of any kind passed from hand to hand, and not a word was exchanged. If prces on the home markets had risen, the clerk spat to the right; if, on the other hand, there was a fall, then he sent a crachement to the left, and his bribe, whatever it might be, was earned. Challenged as to his movements, the fellow made a full confession, and met with the punishment he deserved. The leakage of Reuter's telegrams was promptly stopped, and at most it had continued for a few days only."

AMUSING ERRORS IN TRANSMISSION

Some of Mr. Collins's most amusing stories relate to mistakes made by telegraph operators. "It was my own brother," he says, "who, when Reuter's representative at Sydney, dispatched a cable to London, that has since become historic, and was deemed worthy of notice by that great humorist, Mark Twain. As originally sent off, the message merely announced the fact that the "Governor turned first sod" of a railway line from a Queensland port to a rising inland town. As received at Reuter's head office in London, it read, "Governor twins first son," and so the British public were notified, through the columns of the press, that "The wife of his Excellency the Governor has presented him with twins, of whom the first is a son." The surprise of his Excellency's friends may be readily imagined when it is stated that he had not entered into the bonds of holy matrimony. It was only when a friend wrote to The Times correcting the mistake that the humor of the telegram was realized."

Here is another story which illustrates the danger of making cablegrams too brief. "A leading Australian editor received by cable in three words the names of the first three horses past the post in a great English race—viz., 'Admiral, bombardier, dulcigno'—he concluded there had been a recrudescenec of trouble over the possession of the little Albanian port in the Adriatic, which had been ceded to Montenegro some time previously, and, accordingly, he issued the news in this form: "The admiral in command of the Turkish fleet has bombarded the port of Dulcigno on the Adriatic Sea."

RUINED BY A TELEGRAPHER'S ERROR

Sometimes, however, errors in telegrams have had tragic consequence. In the following story, Mr. Collins tells of the financial ruin of some friends of his due to this cause. "It was during the Confederate War of 1861-5, when the prices of cotton were oscillating from day to day in the most violent manner, that the Liverpool house of a very prominent firm in Egypt cabled to its branch there to purchase a large number of bales at the best price of the day. In the course of transmission, a nought (0) had been wrongly added to the original message, so increasing by ten times the quantity actually required. It was at once concluded by the recipients that the home firm was in possession of important news from America which, when published, would bring about a sharp advance in prices. So the Egyptian branch bought every bale on which it could lay its hands, thus committing its principals to the outlay of a very large sum of money. The market went against them, and so heavy were their losses that, ere long, payment had to be suspended, and they had to go into liquidation."

CURIOUS FORM OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

Mr. Collins also gives interesting reminiscences of his work in establishing Reuter branches in Japan and China and of his five-and-a-half years' residence in Persia, his thirty years in Australasia as general manager, and his organizing of Reuter's service for the transmission of news during the South African war. In the chapters dealing with the phases of his experience he is both informing and entertaining. During his long life Mr. Collins has had some exciting adventures on sea and shore and has witnessed remarkable changes in England, in the Orient, and in Australia. Of the scores of interesting stories in this volume, perhaps the wierdest of all is Mr. Collins's account of the punishment of some members of the Bakhtiari tribe who had killed the servants of an Englishman, a Capt. Napier. "The mode of punishment was as follows: Five hollow, cylindrical walls were erected just outside the gate of Shiraz, which was nearest to the scene of the attack, each wall being large enough to contain the body of a man standing erect, its height being determined by that of the criminal. Into these open cylinders the five members of the robber tribe—divested of their clothing—were placed, and, thereupon, plaster of Paris (in Persian, Getch) was poured in until the hollow spaces were filled to the level of the chin. As the cement solidified movement became impossible, and the malefactors were left to die a slow, lingering, and excruciating death. The walls containing the bodies, the heads alone visible, remained 'in situ' for many a day afterwards as a warning to other marauders."

OLD-TIME, BACKWOODS DANCE MUSIC CAPTIVATES HENRY FORD, SO HE "BRINGS OUT" MELLIE OF MAINE

By ROY J. GIBBONS

DETROIT, Dec. 26. — "Mellie" Dunham, the wizened little fiddling champion of the Maine woods who was picked up from a rocky farm and set down here in the lap of luxury by one wave of Henry Ford's magic wand, has nine very good reasons for welcoming this unlooked-for prosperity.

These reasons range in age from 7 to 24 years. They are "Mellie's" grandchildren, left motherless seven years ago.

For their sakes "Mellie" is glad that he is making money. Otherwise he would prefer to be back among the tall pines that surround his little farm house. But the 120-acre farm is pretty rocky and doesn't pay very well, and so "Mellie" has to turn to side lines such as fiddling.

"I sure am fond of them," he says. "Their mother died right after the last one came, and it's hard for her man to take care of them. They've gotta be helped and have a chance. And I'm goin' to give it to them."

"Mellie" has had several very flattering offers from various theatrical men since he got here. Asked whether he will accept any of them, he winks and nudges you with his elbow.

"What would you do?" he asks. "I'm going to take advantage of them. There's my nine grandchildren, and they're the real reasons."

"Mellie" Dunham fiddles a tune while Henry Ford beams his approval. This photo was taken in the Ford private dance hall at Dearnborn.

FORD DANCES A JIG

"Mellie" is no more pleased with his trip to Detroit than Henry Ford is, however. The automobile king, who has developed a great fondness for the homely old tunes of the country [illegible] so indeed that he has no fewer than thirty-nine of them come to Detroit so that their art might be recorded for posterity—likes "Mellie's" work the best of all.

"Mellie" was playing at a private recital here. Ford unconsciously started dancing a jig and kept saying to the group of newspaper men about him: "The old fellow can play, can't he?"

And then Ford strode over to the orchestra, where "Mellie" was playing first violin and beating time with one toe. And in a moment the famous automobile king was perched on top of the piano, enjoying himself to the very utmost.

The old fiddler tells with glee how he first began to fiddle on a wheezy old violin which he got from a neighbor's boy when he was 14, for the sum of $1.24.

FOR 10,000 DANCES

"Got that fiddle and I had to learn how to run it to make it worth while," he says. "Then I learned the old tunes and played at dances. Reckon I've played at dances and corn huskings more'n 10,000 times in the 50 years I've been fiddlin'. Get $1.50 for local dances and $3 for out of town shakes."

"Mellie" hasn't anything against jazz music, except he thinks it is too slow.

"Why, folks used to dance a heap faster 40 years ago than they do today," he says. "Folks were faster then, too, than they are now. And that's the reason. Nope. Don't play jazz myself, but I'm not against it."

"Mellie" and his wife are fairly dazed by the luxury with which Ford's wealth has surrounded them. But, though they are enjoying it—

"I'd rather be home," says "Mellie." "This here" waving his arm in the general direction of Ford's millions—"is all right. But I like my woods and smelly pines."

"Mellie" Dunham leading Ford's old-fashioned dance orchestra. The instrument at the left is a cymbalo; the big horn is a Sousaphone and the one at the extreme right is a dulcimer. Dunham is shown with his fiddle in front beating time with his foot.

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Canada Becomes Mecca of Aristocrats

Canada promises to become the Mecca of English aristocrats. At one time the younger sons used to be the only members of the old families who would make their homes in one of the colonies the song writers loved to write about and the playwright couldn't get along without. It used to be the song writers' privilege to send him away with a blot on his name until he made his fortune and then, without regard for the land where he made it, he returned to the Moherland and there was the usual happy ending.

In these days, however, Canada is looked upon from a different angle. The men who have left the homeland are not looking upon it as a place to make some money in and then return across the Atlantic to enjoy it. Canada becomes home to them. In the country of their adoption they become citizens working for its good. There are many parts of Canada which offer striking demonstrations of this and notably on Vancouver Island.

Primarily Cowichan is a residential district. The population is upwards of 5,000, and it consists largely of retired officers of the Imperial Services and their families. Many of them, after experience of the climates and attractions of all parts of the world have decided to settle here, generally buying partly improved land and proceeding to build their homes and clear and cultivate more land. These settlers live up to the most cherished ideas of the Old Country cultivating a true neighborly spirit and supporting with enthusiasm the many institutions and organizations for charitable, sport and other purposes which have been established, while their secure income is an obvious source of stability and independence. They are continually bringing Cowichan to the knowledge of their relatives and friends, with the result that each year sees an accession of new comers of the same standing.

The same story is told in other parts of Canada.

That previous experience in agriculture, whilst desirable, is not altogether essential, has been demonstrated time and again in Western Canada by people who, coming there without any experience, have become successful farmers. A conspicuous instance is that of Lord Rodney, who, accompanied by Lady Rodney, came to Alberta in the summer of 1919. After spending a few months near Fort Saskatchewan, a farm of approximately 630 acres was bought in that locality, on the north bank of the Saskatchewan river. Possession of the farm was unobtainable until a considerable portion of the winter had gone by; a winter which will ever be remembered, even by the oldest old-timer as an unusally severe one. During this Winter period, Lord and Lady Rodney were housed in a "shack" built partly of wood, partly of canvas, which had been used by a former owner of the farm as a summer-house. With spells of severe weather of an intensity fortunately rare, their first impressions of Western Winter must have been forbidding, living in such an abode, but, with admirable grit, they made the best of things, never complaining of the climate, until they were able to take possession of the farm house.

Many people who have heard of, but are unacquainted with Lord and Lady Rodney, are under the impression their farming venture is a hobby their time being spent in directing operations. Than this, nothing is remoter from the truth. Both take a very active part in the actual work and have done so since the acquisition of the farm. A good start in this respect was made by Lady Rodney, who single-handed undertook all the cooking, house-work and other details of housekeeping whilst wintering in the "shack." From the day that possession of the farm was obtained, she has continued doing a portion of this work, supplemented by much other that falls to the lot of farmers' wives, such as churning, etc., and with this practical experience, combined with a keen judgment of horses, dairy cattle and other livestock, and a good general knowledge of agriculture, can speak authoritatively upon farming conditions. The writer knows from actual observation that Lady Rodney's participation in the work is not spasmodic, but continuous from an early hour in the morning until evening is well advanced. There are fewer harder workers in the West to-day, if there are any.

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR ENGLISH YOUTH

Lord Rodney from the beginning has entered wholeheartedly into the working of the farm and does not spare himself in physical work, whether it be ploughing, harrowing, harvesting, threshing, dairying or any of the many forms of labor necessary to the operation of mixed farming, rises in the morning and is at work as soon as any hired man and does as much work as one. Because of this, and being an apt pupil, with an unquenchable desire for information as to the reason for every different operation being done, he quickly gathered knowledge, and is now able to act upon his own judgment and operates the farm successfully. Lord Rodney and Lady Rodney both insist that the road to success is attained by hard work and stress the fact that Western Canada is no country for those who like to take life easily and are indisposed to labor.

Two years ago, with a desire to help in the work of bringing desirable settlers to the West, Lord Rodney decided to provide accommodation for a number of pupils, and a number of young men have availed themselves of the opportunity of acquiring a first-hand knowledge of Western Canadian farming. Pupils can stay a year or longer, and if they decide to remain in the country, they start in on their own account fully cognizant of conditions, altogether more desirable than coming to the West, purchasing a farm soon after their arrival, and then finding out, too late, they are unsuited to the life, with the inevitable failure and more or less dismal accounts of Western Canada upon their return home. Several of the first batch of pupils have remained in the country and are doing well, and a number of those now with Lord Rodney have expressed their intention of remaining.

A separate house, comfortable in its appointments, including steam heating system and bath-rooms, is provided for the pupils, the house being pleasantly situated on high land overlooking the Saskatchewan River. For the young man accustomed to a good home and averse from embarking upon a career in Canada, fearful of encountering hardships of living conditions, which, whilst he was unafraid of hard work, might deter him from coming, the pupil system conducted by Lord Rodney will have an especial appeal. A farmer of very considerable local experience is in charge of the pupils in conjunction with Lord Rodney and valuable tutelage is thus obtainable. When he first started farming, Lord Rodney engaged a local farmer of much experience to coach him and retained his services for several years.

A large dairy herd is kept on the farm and a dairy expert imparts information relating to this branch of farming to the pupils. Hog raising on a considerable scale is followed, as well as sheep and fowl raising. In short, mixed farming in all its ramifications is conducted, and the person of inexperience whose inclination lies toward farming can gain here knowledge of the work under the best of conditions, to enable him to acquit himself well upon starting for himself.

It has been presumed by some people that only members of titled families were taken as pupils. This is incorrect, as there is no restriction to anyone who after ascertaining what farming conditions are like, cares to stay in the country and is in a position to start for himself. At present the pupils in residence are: S. A. R. Prince Charles Philippe d'Orleans, Duc de Nemours; Lord Edward Montagu; Honorable John Stanley, a nephew of the Earl of Derby; Mr. Philip Stannier, a son of Lady Stannier; Mr. Charles Farquhar, a son of Lady Farquhar; and Mr. A. Mowbray-Howard.

A PERMANENT ALBERTA CITIZEN

Lord Rodney, who is a descendant of the famous Admiral, one of the greatest of Britain's naval heroes, will, if pressed, admit having himself "done his bit" for the Empire during the Great War, with the renowned Scots Greys at the outbreak of hostilities and with the Tank Corps subsequently, and Lady Rodney might confess to extensive service in many capacities, including that of nurse, in the Western sector, and could tell of many adventures which do not usually befall the members of the gentler sex. They have two handsome sons, aged six and five years, who love farm life, and an infant daughter, who as yet has not been able to express any opinion upon the subject. Lady Rodney's father is a brother of the Earl of Lonsdale, the well-known sporting peer, and is herself fond of sports. Visitors to her farm home, who expect an atmosphere of pomp and ceremony, will be disappointed. They will find a lady of great charm, but as informal as one could imagine. And equally informal is Lord Rodney, who on the numerous occasions when he is to be seen in Fort Saskatchewan, is garbed the same as any farmer.

In 1920, Lord Rodney built a new house on a magnificent site which commands a beautiful view of the Saskatchewan river, and in 1922 he extended his holdings of land by purchasing an adjoining farm of 300 acres. On this last-mentioned farm, the sites of the original Fort Augustus of the North West Fur Co., and the original Fort Edmonton, of the Hudson's Bay Co., were located after careful investigation by the Historical Sites Commissioners quite recently, in conjunction with the Edmonton branch of the Historical Society, and a suitable monument is to be erected next Spring by the Dominion Government.

AVIATOR TO DEFY DEATH IN EFFORT FOR NEW ALTITUDE MARK OF EIGHT MILES

Lieut. Macready in the costume he will wear in the altitude flight—fur-lined clothes, electrically heated—and breathing oxygen from tanks through the tube shown.

LIEUT. John A. Macready is preparing to gamble with his life on the proposition that he can get farther away from mother earth than any other man that ever lived.

In the near future the army flier will get into his airplane at Dayton and try to fly eight miles high.

To say that this will be gambling with his life is not exaggerating. The perils of flight in such high altitudes are extreme.

He will ascend to a region where there is not enough air to support life. To meet this he must take tanks of liquid oxygen.

It will be many degrees below zero up there above the clouds. Fur-lined clothes, electrically heated, offer the only possible protection great enough to enable him to withstand the cold.

ANOTHER DANGER

The change in air pressure in descending from such a high level to the ground is very marked. Four years ago Macready set a world's altitude mark, since unsurpassed, of 34,508 feet. In coming down the change of air pressure made him ill, drawing blood from his nose and ears.

Only a nearly-perfect plane and a nearly perfect body can withstand such a trip. Major R. W. Schroeder, in 1920, lost consciousness at an altitude of five miles. Down came his plane, with Schroeder's senseless body lolling in the pilot's seat. Five miles is a long way to fall.

By some providential circumstance, Schroeder regained consciousness when only a few hundred feet from the ground, and managed to get control over his plane and land safely.

Such are the things with which an aviator must cope when he tries for an altitude record.

Macready wants that altitude record, and wants it badly. He had held it until a year ago when the French flier, Callizo, went up to 39,586 feet. To get the record he must fly 400 feet higher than this. He thinks he can do it.

FUSELAGE IS OLD

The plane in which he will make the flight is known as CXO-5. Its fuselage was built three years ago, but the wings—the important things in aerial work—are new, especially designed for flying at high altitudes.

It has a 400 horse-power Liberty motor and a total wing area of 600 square feet. The propellers are of aluminum alloy, ten feet six inches in length.

Macready is now busy testing it. A weakness in a plane is bad enough at any time, but when you are trying to fly eight miles high it is simply unthinkable. Those altitudes call for the highest type of workmanship in all parts of the machine.

WILL USE CAMERA

One of the uses of the proposed flight will be to determine the maximum altitude from which it is possible to take pictures. In war time it would be invaluable to have a plane from which pictures of enemy territory could be taken from an eight-mile height. Up there the plane could neither be seen nor heard from the ground.

McCook Field pilots are confident that Macready will break the record. And so is Macready.

In fact, he is gambling his life on it.

The plane in which Macready will make his altitude flight, and (inset), close-up of Macready

PRAYER WORKING MIRACULOUS CURES

Episcopalian Church in New York Claims Success With Faith Healing Rivaling Those of Holy Rollers and Similar Sects.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26—"If we pray and have faith, the hospitals may be turned to some other use and doctors will seek another profession. Prayer can heal all our ills, of body or of spirit.

This is not the pronouncement of any of the creeds usually associated with faith healing. It is the statement of the Rev. Elliott White, of that most conservative of churches, the Episcopalian.

At Grace Episcopal Church, one of the oldest in New York, Rev. White each week conducts a prayer group for the recovery from physical or spiritual trouble.

Simply and earnestly, more than a hundred persons gather each week at the church to pray for relief from suffering. And their prayers are answered, they declare.

SERVICE SIMPLE

The service is simple. The group gives an hour to a lesson illustrating the healing of the sick and maimed by Christ, as told in the New Testament, and to discussion of the lesson or to personal experiences with prayer. During this period a short time is given over to silent prayer.

Then the actual prayer service begins. Nearly four hundred names are in the "remembrance book" which lies on the altar—names of persons who wish prayers said for them, or who have anxious friends. Each evening adds many names to the list.

The appeals for prayer come from all walks of life and from all sources.

Many come from friends or relatives of persons suffering from disease or accident. Some from persons who have lost relatives and are sorrowing. Others from those who have suffered financial reverses.

The prayer group itself is made up of every type. Many of them are there for the assistance they can give others. The remainder are seeking assistance for themselves.

An aged woman, scarcely able to walk; a young girl with a withered leg; an old man, whose eyesight is failing and who is the sole support of his wife.

Some with complete faith, others doubtful but hoping for a miraculous interposition of the power of God, they all kneel at the altar after the prayer service for the "laying on of hands" by Rev. White.

MIRACLES HAPPEN TO-DAY

"There are doubters, always, who have an explanation for everything, based on terms of the material. Why should we have to explain things? God is still on earth.

"Miracles happen to-day, just as they happened before, and I know that God has the power to cure our ills, and will cure them if we pray honestly and sincerely for His help. But we must have faith."

A man was struck by a truck recently, and terribly injured.

The woman telling the story, his former employer was called, and asked by the man to pray for him. She did so, and also asked the prayers of the group and of the church.

Although doctors are said to have abandoned his case as hopeless, the man now is able to walk and soon will completely recover.

A young woman had been suffering for years from pain. One leg was shorter than the other, and she was forced to use a cane. She prayed earnestly and received the laying-on of hands. One day she dropped her cane at the altar and has been free from pain ever since.

Use of prayer to effect cures was approved by the Triennial Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church at New Orleans this year.

Rev. Elliot White

OLD-TIMERS IN POLITICS; IDA TARBELL CHANGES TUNE

SITTING back in the mellow wisdom of declining years John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, the "two greatest Americans," exchanged a mass of letters which, this Survey believes, should be forced down the throats of every office seeker from a sheriff in the Kentucky hills to the president.

In "The Correspondence of John Adams and Thomas Jefferson," compiled by Paul Wilstach, how these ripe old boys make one blush for the present day political leaders! How wide were their interests and how broad their understandings! And how applicable to things of this very day were their conclusions!

They make it readily understood how and why the United States got away to such a fine start.

Take, for instance, a discussion of politics! Jefferson had commented that "the same political parties which agitate the United States have existed through all times." And Adams comes back: "Precisely. All other sciences have advanced, but that of government has stood still. The trouble is, parties and factions will not suffer improvements to be made. No sooner does a party discover an amelioration of man's condition or the order of society than the other party belies it, libels it, misconstrues and misrepresents it, ridicules it and persecutes it. Records are destroyed. Histories are annihilated or prohibited."

Does this not remind one of all that is said when some such "third party," as that attempted by the late La Follette, makes its appearance? Or for that matter, when almost anything new is attempted?

And this rather penetrating slant on the status of history, written by Jefferson after Adams had suggested in 1815 that the time for a history of the American Revolution was ripe:

"But who shall write it? Who can write it? Nobody; except merely its external facts. All of its councils and discussions have been conducted by Congress behind closed doors, and no members, as far as I know, having ever made notes on them. These, which are the life and soul of history must remain forever unknown."

With the same straightforwardness these great beginners of the American nation write each other on religion, philosophy, life itself, everything and anything.

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SKIP a century! The virgin land they did so much to found has become the greatest industrial centre history has ever known. The giants have gained a strangle-hold on this and that and the voice of the muckraker is heard in the land. It is around 1900, when "trusts" were on the run. Not the least of the muckrake army was Ida Tarbell, with her famous book: "The History of the Standard Oil Company." Now, some twenty-five years after, it comes in a new edition.

At the time, so the story went, Standard Oil bought up the edition that it might not be too widely read.

Rockefeller, Sr., is shown in the role of a great privateer, with all the others—including Morgan—mere pikers. Miss Tarbell presents a sound case, based on statistics, congressional report and what not. There are no wild hazards. Here is a great game of maneuvering, stabbing and grabbing.

But out of all the chicane and dickering and slicing, the reader gathers unquestionably that Rockefeller was genuine and sincere. He was sincere in his charities, in his religion, in his foundation, in his fight for power.

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SKIP ten years! It is to-day, with business conservatism in the ascendant. Ida Tarbell is reported writing another volume of her "Standard Oil," now using her whitewash brush.

Also, she has written "The Life of Elbert H. Gary." There is not much of the muckraker in this. Neither is there a great deal of Judge Gary, but there are hundreds of pages about steel. He is the hero of "steel" rather than the subject of biography. There are peeps into directors' meetings; scattered fragments of Gary's life and a lot about the importance of steel.

It is little more than a study of Gary's business years. In a sense it is disappointing, for the reader does not get the human Gary—the loves and dislikes and emotions and all that.

YOUTH THE CREATOR, SAYS DANTCHENKO; MEN'S IDEAS CONCEIVED BEFORE 20

By GENE COHN

"EVERY idea upon which man works in his maturity was originated in some form or other before he was 20," according to a theory of the great Russian artist, Vladimir Nemirovitch-Dantchenko. But, if it so happens that the dreams and ideas born of your youth have not been rounded out, consider the case of Dantchenko!

It took the greatest revolution of all time; it took famine, despair, bitter chill and death to round out an idea which flashed hazily across his mind at 15. And he was past 60. The time was Russia's crucial year, 1919. The revolution had struck. Hunger and death walked everywhere. Crowns were crashing, fortunes gone, titles pulverized by proletarian heels, bread lines forming, fuel and light gone. And in what had been the proudest of the burgeoise theatres huddled a little group of players and singers. As in all other theatres, the actors were quartered in their playhouses.

Dantchenko, a prominent burgeoise producer with a baroness for a wife, fared as ill as the rest. Candles sputtered in the once gay theatre. Costumes could be had only by piecing this and that together. But the will to go on survived.

The off-stage drama was greater than any which could be produced yet it seemed to Dantchenko—as he now explains—that the time had come for his idea to assume life in the midst of death. He had wanted to synthesize all the parts of the theatre-acting, singing, dancing, and design into the unity of lyric drama. In the days of the burgeoise audience no revolutionary steps could be taken. Dantchenko had a free hand. His mind flashed back to the hazy dream of the 15-year-old boy who had, with boyish ardor, fallen in puppy-love with a lovely blonde opera singer. Theoretically, his idea was old as the impulse for expression—but in actual execution it startled the theatrical world.

And so the Moscow Arts Musical Studio was started. Its members, headed by Dantchenko, have come to America, the most discussed musical organization in the world.

Dantchenko laughingly recalls his first production. He realized that hungry people would crave entertainment. He gave the revolution-fed audiences "The Daughter of Madame Angot," a satire on the French revolution which hit home so daringly that for the moment hunger and discomfort were forgotten. After that he struck out right and left. He had the music of "Carmen" rewritten to conform to his ideas of the Merimmee novel. He went back to Aristophanes and dragged out "Lysistrata." Grand opera was turned topsy turvy, indeed, there is one production, it is said, where some of the singers stand on their heads.

"Yes it was fifty years, before I got to it," now smiles the square bearded Russian, who admits that his beard is out of mode in his home land now. "And probably I never should have but for the revolution. I say that we get all our ideas before twenty. Thereafter we may improve on them and change them about, but they are born. All too frequently it takes some sort of revolution to make us carry them out. Unfortunately many are never carried out—probably most. But if you will think back, perhaps you can remember what started yours."

Carmencita (Olga Baklanova) forecasts her tragic fate in the new presentation of the opera as given by the Moscow Art Theatre Musical Studio.

Vladimir Nemirovitch-Dantchenko.

Week-end Cables and Special Dispatches From Across the Atlantic

LAW TO GUARD SEERS URGED BY A. CONAN DOYLE

Repeal of Statute Against Fortune Teller Sponsored by Many Prominent Folks

Genuine Mediums Declared Most Ill-used People in Britain

London, Dec. 26.—Scotland Yard soon will have professional mediums in its service, if Sir Arthur Conan Doyle is a true prophet. The creator of Sherlock Holmes is at the head of a movement here which has for its purpose the repeal of an old act of Parliament, the Vagrancy act of 1824.

According to this act people who tell fortunes for a living are "vagrants" and as such they have no standing in the eyes of the law. Just as bookmakers in this country are unable to issue a summons if their clients do not pay up their debts, so mediums and fortune tellers here are unable to take the matter to court if Lady Blank Dash chooses to ignore her account. This is because both "professions" are illegal.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and his co-workers, who include Sybil Viscountess Rhondda, have sent an appeal to the Prime Minister, the Home Secretary, the Lord Chief Justice, and the Commissioner of Police protesting against this state of affairs, and they are optimistic about their chances of getting certain clauses of the Vagrancy act repealed.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle himself is convinced that mediums can be of great assistance in the detection of crime. He has said that in future the police, instead of persecuting them, will be only too glad to keep a "pet medium in the back parlor."

The most recent case under this hundred-years old act was that of "Madame Estelle," a Miss Frances Bergman, who was fined $100 and $25 costs on the charge that she was a professional fortune teller. Estelle has been a society clairvoyante here for twenty years and has had many famous social and political people among her clients. When she was arrested many people offered to testify that her advice had been a great help to them, but their testimony was not called.

POLICEWOMEN TRAP SET

The arrest was a sequel to visits paid her London studio by policewomen disguised as fashionable clients. They testified that they Estella in a tightly shuttered apartment, the green shaded light shining on a cushion beside which sat a large black cat, while the clairvoyant herself was examining a man's hand through a magnifying glass. This case aroused much discussion, even the magistrate asking why this particular medium had been selected for prosecution. The public prosecutor himself conceded that the charge against her did not involve either fraud or deceit. According to Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, the genuine professional medium in this country is much misrepresented and ill used.

Mediums here also are anxious to protect their movement against charlatans, as well as to gain legal recognition of their existence as a "profession." Quite a number of society folk, it is stated, visit their clairvoyants regularly. Some of them pay their bills as regularly, others leave them in the same way that they leave their tailoring and millinery accounts. The difference is that the tailor and the milliner can apply to the courts and get some satisfaction, while the clairvoyant has no means of redress. If she refused to see her client again, then that client, if she is so minded, can cause a lot of trouble by telling her friends to avoid madame—because she is no good, so that, any way, the unfortunate medium is caught.

PROTEST BY SIR OLIVER

In a long letter to "The London Times" recently Sir Oliver Lodge said that "in these days of Einstein and Minkowski, when mathematicians seek to identify space and time in a curious manner, the one faculty (that of foretelling the future) may be no more impossible than the other."

". . . my grievance is that such people (i.e., mediums), if they exercise their curious and ill understood faculty, provided their surroundings are such as to entitle them to reasonable remuneration for the time expended, are at present in danger of fine and imprisonment, even if they are honestly only trying to help their fellows, who are quite willing to pay a small pecuniary recognition, and who have no grievances against their would-be helpers. They are liable, or fear that they are liable, to be ferreted out by police agents, presumably stimulated by informers hostile to the subject."

Sir Oliver also said that he, in common with others interested in the subject, has received and filed predictions with the object of seeing how far and in what proportion they were correct. Therefore, if the present statute law is rightly interpreted, Sir Oliver, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and others are encouraging people to break the law and thus rendering them liable to prosecution, a state of affairs which the eminent scientist rightly says "is not reasonable."

FASCISM, FOE OF BOLSHEVISM, NOW SEEN AS SWEEPING EUROPE

By MILTON BRONNER

London, Dec. 26.—Europe looks to some as if it were becoming a collection of Fascist states.

Seven years ago Europe seemed about to become a collection of Bolshevized states.

In a nutshell the above presents the story of the most amazing transformation politically that this old continent has ever known in all its troubled history.

Seven years ago Russia was in the cauldron of Boshevism and the contagion seemed about to spread like wildfire. Bavaria had a brief attack of it under Kurt Eisner. Hungary had it under Bela Kun. The revolutionary workmen in Italy became so bold that two years later they seized all the metallurgical plants in northern Italy and flew the red flag over them. In Great Britain, the ruling classes, frightened by the prospect of hundreds of thousands of veteran soldiers coming home and finding their jobs taken by others, hastened to institute the dole—the unemployment benefit given by the state to workless men. It was a makeshift, but it was intended as a barrier and it succeeded.

To-day Roberto Farinacci, militant secretary general of the Fascist organization of Italy, can truculently say to his followers: "All Europe is in process of being converted to Fascism."

And there is more than rhetoric and bombast to sustain him. The picture of Europe, outside of Russia and the Scandinavian states, would be largely like this:

Italy—ruled absolutely by the Fascists.

Spain—has been in control of Dictator Marquis De Rivera, before steps were recently taken for a new cabinet.

Greece—ruled absolutely by a military dictatorship under General Pangalos.

Germany—nominally a republic, but with a half dozen powerful monarchical organizations organized along Fascist lines.

Hungary—ruled by a regent—Admiral Horthy—but whose main reliance is the "Awakening Magyars," a militant semi-Fascist organization

Austria—a republic with a Socialist government ruling over the city of Vienna, but with a conservative government ruling the state, largely supported by semi-Fascist organizations constructed along the lines adopted in Germany.

The map would be incomplete without France and England. In France for a long time there has been an organization known as the "Camelots de Roi." It is made up mainly of young men who are ardent followers of "Action Francaise," the Royalist paper edited by Leon Daudet. But the other day a new organization sprang into being. Modeled after the Italian Fascists—the Black Shirts—this French Fascist organization calls itself the "Blue Shirts." Its leaders are Philip Barres, son of the recently deceased famous novelist, Maurice Barres, and George Valois, one of the editors of "Action Francaise." Already they have 6,000 members in Paris alone and are instituting branch organizations in all parts of France. Their avowed purpose is to take the government out of the hands of the Radical and Socialist parties.

In England the Fascist feeling has been slowly gathering momentum. There is an organization which boldly calls itself the British Fascists. But a far more potent association has lately sprung into being—the O. M. S. This is the "Organization for the Maintenance of Supplies," headed by Lord Hardinge and blessed with the blessings of Sir William Joynson-Hicks, home secretary in the present cabinet.

Last July England came near having a nation-wide coal miners strike. The railwaymen and the transport workers and the seamen were prepared to join them, so that not one pound of coal could be moved in the country, or imported from outside. It was the greatest industrial crisis the country had ever known and the country would have been helpless. Peace until next May was purchased by means of a government subsidy of the coal industry.

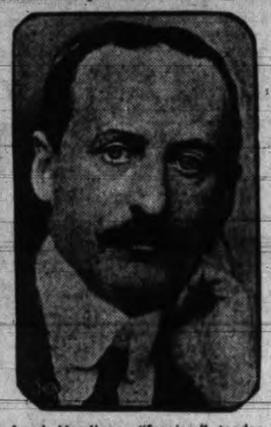
The O. M. S. has been formed to thwart the next threat of a general strike. All over the country it is enlisting volunteers: first, men, especially ex-soldiers, who will undertake to protect public constables; second, men who will enroll as workers to run the public services; third, men to enroll as transport workers; fourth, men who will act as messengers and cyclists; fifth, people who will assist by clerical work or by contributing funds. It already has branches all over Great Britain. The O. M. S. denies that it has any political or party bias. It says it is merely enrolling all citizens who are willing to help maintain necessary food, fuel, water and power supplies in cases of national emergency.

LABOR OPPOSED

The movement has been denounced by responsible labor leaders as the first step toward the organization of a real Fascist government and has already caused spirited debates in Parliament. And the government responded by announcing through the ministry of health that it had formulated plans to protect the public. England and Wales are divided into ten areas and a minister will act as civil commissioner. He will be assisted by a staff to deal with transport, food, coal, postal services, etc. The government's plan and the O. M. S. practically link up. Next May if there is a strike, therefore, there may be a gigantic clash between organized labor on the one hand and the government and the Fascist O M. S. on the other. The latter have the money, the courts, the police and the troops. Out of a situation like this, loaded with dynamite, anything might come

Fascisti demonstration in London. Note the two guards in front of speaker

Roberto Farinacci, secretary general of the Italian Fascisti



Lord Hardinge, "fascism" leader in England

Wembley at Last To go on Block

Reuter's Special to The Victoria Times

London, Dec. 26.—Wembley's fate has been sealed.

After a suitable period for consideration it has been decided that the fine exhibition site shall be disposed of by sale.

It is felt that the British Empire Exhibiton has fulfilled its purpose and that it is not feasible to retain the land for exhibitions in future years. There are in all 136 acres, as well as the wonderful buildings with which we are so familar.

The Palace of Engineering is one of the largest permanent industrial buildings in the world, being built of reinforced concrete and covering thirteen acres under the one roof. Five lines of railway run through it which were employed for moving the locomotives and heavy machinery.

The Palace of Industry is a similar structure containing a floor area of about ten acres.

Even the Stadium, the scene of last year's notable pageant and of the Torchlight Tattoo which brought the recent exhibition to a close in a blaze of glory, is included in the sale, to say nothing of the Civic Hall, the theatre and conference halls and the many other buildings in the grounds. There is scope here for a great scheme which would turn Wembley into a pleasure resort, as the ornamental gardens and lakes on which a vast sum was spent remain intact. There is no more convenient suburb for the city worker and none that is so well served with traffic facilities. Should this wonderful site not be disposed of by private treaty it would be sold by auction, when there is likely to be keen competition between firms of speculative builders anxious to convert it into a Garden City.

Dog Hero of War Buried in France

Reuter's Special to The Victoria Times

London, Dec. 26.—A hero of the war has just been buried in the dogs' cemetery at Asnieres, in France.

"Broncho," a fox terrier, belonged to an American aviator, Lieut. Thaw, and invariably accompanied his master in his flights over the German lines. On August 15, 1918, the airman crashed; he and his dog were both injured, and cared for in the same field hospital. While, however, the dog recovered, the aviator died.

The airman's wife, who had obtained permission to attend her husband's funeral, learned that Broncho had disappeared. A search was made and "Broncho" was found lying on the wreckage of the aeroplane. He refused all food, but as the result of patient efforts he was coaxed away. Wearing a collar bearing his master's photograph, "Broncho" has become a familiar figure in Paris.

This King Wrote For the Newspapers

Reuter's Special to The Victoria Times

London, Dec. 26.—The late King of Siam deserves to be remembered for his labors in the propagation of Shakespeare. He had the equally unusual hobby, for a monarch, of writing for the papers; we are told he wrote leading articles under a pen name for the local papers—a recreation which suggests an idyllic state of party politics in Siam.

Louis XVIII of France also dabbled in journalism, but with less success; and an Opposition journal was able to reply with devastating effect in a review of one of his Majesty's books that "if this volume is by the king, it is above criticism; if it is not by the king, t s beneath criticism." That was before Gilbert's idea of the king in Utopia who contributed libels of himself to "The Palace Peeper."

This General Knew That Bomb Went Off

Reuter's Special to The Victoria Times

London, Dec. 26.—In a nasty section in Gallipoli where the Turkish trenches were only a few yards off—in the days before there were any Mills bombs—jam tins were filled with explosives, and thrown in the enemy's trenches, said Field-Marshal Sir William Birdwood (the "Soul of Anzac") at an ex-Service dinner at Calcutta.

"I met," he continued, "an Australian with half-a-dozen of these improvised weapons and asked him how they were behaving."

"'They're no good,' he replied, 'just look at this one!' and he proceeded to demonstrate. I didn't like the looks of things a bit and turned my back. Suddenly there was a loud bang—and a piece went through my gaiter into my leg.

"'That's the first one that has gone off properly,' observed the Australian calmly."

Tells When Ex-Kaiser Wore Scottish Uniform

Reuter's Special to The Victoria Times

London, Dec. 26.—The Dowager Countess of Jersey (elder daughter of the late Lord Leigh, for many years Lord-Lieutenant of Warwickshire) in her "Fifty-one Years of Victorian Life," relates that the present ex-Kaiser, the Prince William, came over with his parents for the wedding of Queen Alexandra. He appeared at the ceremony in a Scottish suit, whereupon the German ladies remonstrated with his mother, saying that they understood he was to have worn the uniform of a Prussian officer.

"I am very sorry," said his mother, "he had it on, but Beatrice and Leopold (the Duke of Albany) thought that he looked so ridiculous with tails that they cut them off and we had to find an old Scottish suit of his uncle's for him to wear."

PARTY RICHES HELD AWAITING LAND POLICY

Dissenting Liberals and Laborites Wonder About Possibility of Centre Party

Ramsay MacDonald Seen as Slipping in His Recent Performances

Reuter's Special to The Victoria Times

London, Dec. 26.—A very evil genius pursues the Liberal party in its exile on the Opposition benches. The million pounds fighting fund which was to show other parties how unnecessary it is to rely on private benefactions from secret sources has failed of its object, and eyes have had to be turned to the ample resources which Lloyd George controls.

The chairman of the Liberal parliamentary party, however, is indisposed to loosen the strings of the National Liberals' purse until the radical group are prepared to back his land policy. Into this delicate situation have been precipitated a number of very frank radical criticisms of the Liberal leader, and as, at the same time, Ramsay MacDonald has invited Liberals to join Labor, it is scarcely surprising that politicians are wondering how far dissensions between Lloyd George and a section of his party and Labor left-wing dissatisfaction with Mr. MacDonald may tend to the formation of that Centre party, for which the Liberal leader has been striving for several years.

Whatever the internal differences of Liberals it will be disastrous to that party if Lloyd George leaves it. They have too few sturdy fighters, and can ill afford to part with so skilled and tried a campaigner.

A REVIVAL

Yet who will venture to prophesy in politics? Such Labor dissatisfaction as there is with Mr. MacDonald has been fanned by the fact, obvious to any persistent listener, that his House of Commons speeches have deteriorated in style and forcefulness since his Government began to tumble last year. His party was correspondingly refreshed, therefore, when he proposed, in a speech that was reminiscent of his earlier days, his vote of censure on the Government for allowing the prosecution of Communists. In some respects, his task was an easy one from the purely debating point of view, but the Labor leader brightened his arguments by an air of light-hearted assurance that has been absent from his recent debating efforts. He had moments of humor, as when he asked what mattered it whether money came from Moscow or North Wales, and then apologized to Lloyd George for intruding into a controversy with which he had no concern.

There was a welcome absence of that over-emphasis and loss of continuity which have characterized many of his recent speeches. It was a topsy-turvy evening, because the Home Secretary, who was expected to be devastating on this subject, was ineffectual in manner, though precise with his facts. To quote what Mr. Gladstone said at Leeds in 1881 when the Opposition is waiting to smother an argument with laughter whenever opportunity offers is asking for trouble. Nevertheless, the debate did good. It gave all parties an opportunity to exercise their lungs after days of gloomy rating debates.

Plato and Aristotle Are Retranslated

Reuter's Special to The Victoria Times

London, Dec. 26.—Translations of two of the masterpieces of Greek literature have just been published, "The Symposium or Supper of Plato," by Francis Birrell and Shane Leslie, and "The Nicomachean Ethics of Aristotle," by W. D. Ross. The Plato is beautifully printed on hand-made paper, the edition being limited to 1,250 copies.

Master minds from Plotinus to Rabelais have testified to the excellence of this subtle and profound dialogue on the nature of love, which was described by the poet Shelley in the unfinished prelude to his vague version as "the most beautiful and perfect among all the works of Plato." Mr. Ross's rendering of the "Ethics," "bone of his bone and flesh of his flesh" for the Oxford "Greats" man, seems, at a first reading, to be a tremendous advance upon the versions of Chase, or Welldon or Peters. It forms Vol. IX in the complete Oxford translation of Aristotle, of which Mr. Ross himself is the general editor, and which is to include eleven volumes, seven of which have already appeared.

Although the extreme condensation of the "Ethics" suggests that it is a compilation of summaries of lectures rather than a finished treatise, even so it has profoundly influenced ethical thought ever since Aristotle's day, his classification of the virtues and his doctrine that virtue is a "mean" having in particular dominated a vast amount of moral speculation.

Husband's Right to Title Doubted

This is Princess Wiasemsky, daughter of Gordon Selfridge, owner of London's greatest department store, with her daughter. The prince, whom she met while he was employed in her father's store, claims to come from a noble Russian family that traces its ancestors back 500 years. Now a London paper charges that he has no right to the title he claims.

PLANES WAFT LONDON WOMEN TO PARIS TO DO SHOPPING

London, Dec. 26.—With society active in both Paris and London, there has been a large increase in the number of London women who fly to Paris one day and return by the same route the next.

In England, and also on the Continent, Mrs. Hart O. Berg, who made a short flight with Wilbur Wright in 1908 and achieved fame as the first woman to ride in an airplane, still is regarded as the pioneer aerial traveler, although women who use the airways are numerous, making up more than 50 per cent. of the passengers on the main European air routes.

Many actresses and singers use the air route between Paris and London to fill engagements, among them Miss Gladys Cooper, Miss Margaret Bannerman, Mme. Frieda Hempel and Miss Phyllis Monkman. Among the women who have been using the airplane service to do Christmas shopping in Paris are Princess Bibesco, Lady Leverhulme, Lady Bonham-Carter, Lady Sholto Douglas and Lady Muriel Paget.

H. G. Wells' 'Outline' Still Going Strong

Reuter's Special to The Victoria Times

London, Dec. 26.—Five out of the twenty-four monthly parts of the revised edition of H. G. Wells's "Outline of History' have already appeared, and the sales of the famous work in its new form bid fair to rival those of the first issue, which came out, also in parts, in 1918-19.

The "Outline," which has already brought its author a fortune, was carefully revised and printed again as a book in 1920. It was again revised severely and rearranged for a reprint in January, 1923. The new photogravure edition is much more abundantly illustrated and has greatly improved in many ways.

Mr. Wells has written a fresh, and for him, a modest preface, in which he sets forth at some length his views on the writing of history on a broad scale. In an interesting passage, he remarks that one ground of complaint against the original "Outline" was that, while the story of man's achievement of knowledge and social power was given at some length, hardly anything was said of the appearance and extension of his conscious search for beauty. "An attempt has now been made," adds Mr. Wells, "to meet these objections and several sections have been added recording how the artist, the poet and the imaginative writer appeared in human life."

It is also to be hoped that Mr. Wells's studies have taught him by this time to appreciate more accurately the extent of the debt, which modern civilization owes to Greece and Rome.

Submarine Disaster Still a Mystery

Reuter's Special to The Victoria Times

London, Dec. 26.—The Admiralty are being hotly criticized in naval circles on the ground that they "held up" the explanation of the loss of Submarine M1.

That they had been in possession of the information about the Vadar for at least four days when the official announcement was made is deduced from the fact that the Swedish naval attache represented his Government at the funeral service aboard the Maidstone over the wreck.

The explanation does not make everything clear even now. It does not suggest why M1 came to the surface when the noise of the propeller of the Vidar must have been audible to everyone inside the submarine, giving warning of the danger. Some powerful reason must have actuated Commander Carrie to take such a risk, it is argued.

Neither has any explanation been vouchsafed why the presence of this Swedish vessel and a Japanese steamer just astern has never been mentioned before.

Baron in Witty Book Tells How Orczy Got "Local Color"

Reuter's Special to The Victoria Times

London, Dec. 26.—The family of Lord Saye and Sele have played a noteworthy part in English history since the conquest. It was the third Baron Saye who went to Runnymede and signed the Magna Carta, while the first Viscount fought with John Hampden against Charles I.

The present holder of the title has now added further distinction to the family name by producing a volume of memoirs, "Hearsay" which is full of witty and spicy anecdotes.

The one most liked is about the most sporting of all the long line of Tarons, William Thomas, who died unmarried in 1849, and who, when his valet asked for orders as he was tucking him up for the night, replied, "Put two bottles of sherry by my bedside and call me the day after to-morrow."

Another story concerns the Baroness Orczy, who wanted to write a Cromwellian romance round Broughton Castle, the family seat.

"The baroness and her husband stayed here at my invitation to get, as she prettily put it, 'the local color.' On the morrow she came down in a picturesque muslin frock, and going into the garden, she sat on one of our newly-painted seats, and got the 'local color.'"

Wife Gives Husband Varnish For Cough

Reuter's Special to The Victoria Times

London, Dec. 26.—An elderly gentleman living in retirement in a small house in North London was recently afflicted with a very troublesome cough and cold, which is a general complaint just now. He delayed taking any remedy until one evening his cough was so insistent that his solicitous wife said: "My dear, you must really take something for that cough."

She added that she had discovered a forgotten bottle of a well-advertised cough cure on the kitchen shelf, and would give him a dose. With a wry face he managed to gulp down the first dose, but it made him feel uncommonly queer, and he began to doubt which was the worse, the cough or the alleged cure.

Later another dose was taken, but he absolutely jibbed at a third.

A few evenings later, on recounting these events to a friend who had called in for a chat, the friend said, "Let me see that bottle."

It was produced and bore the well known label, "Blank's Speedy Cough Cure," whereupon the friend remarked, "Don't you remember this is the bottle of varnish I gave you some time ago to do up that old chair?"

BETTER FEELING FOR BRITISH SEEN IN INDIA

Moslem Repudiation of Ghandi Held Aid in Solving the Problems

National Conference in Cawnpore Expected to Frame New Programme

London, Dec. 26.—Can the Locarno spirit be extended to India? Following the Irish settlement, this question is being widely asked here and no one is seeking harder to find an affirmative answer than the Earl of Birkenhead, Secretary of State for India. The earl is one of the most ambitious men in the Baldwin Cabinet, but other members of the administration have tended to monopolize the spotlight at his expense.

Premier Baldwin himself has brought off the settlement of the explosive Ulster boundary crisis. Sir Austen Chamberlain has the achievement of Locarno to his credit. Winston Churchill has proved bold and resourceful as Chancellor of the Exchequer. Will Birkenhead line up with his colleagues in effecting reconciliation between the British raj and Indian nationalism, a feat which would make his name one of the most famous among Secretaries of State for England's great Oriental dependency?

FRIENDLY OVERTURES PAVE WAY

At this moment, the situation seems a bit "previous" for such an attempt. This country has just made a friendly gesture to India, through suspension of the excess duty on cotton by the government of Bombay, so as to help toward solution of the Bombay cotton mills walkout, despite the unfavorable reaction which such a step will have on the depressed Lancashire cotton industry.

This gesture was followed by a report, persistent in authoritative circles, to the effect that the Baldwin government was prepared to extend another instalment of home rule to India if assurance was forthcoming from responsible Indian leaders that these concessions would not be twisted to the country's disadvantage. Whether such assurance is likely to be forthcoming is a question which the Indian national congress is scheduled to discuss at Cawnpore during Christmas week.

A new phrase has made its appearance lately in Indian politics. It is "responsive co-operation." This phrase is used to sum up the policy of those who would co-operate with the British raj in working out a reform scheme, so long as they were satisfied that the scheme honestly looked toward attainment of complete self-government for India, by progressive stages.

It implies that they reserve the right to swing into the opposition if they have reason to doubt England's good faith. It is the antithesis of a policy of non-co-operation, with which the name of Mahatma Gandhi is associated. Ghandi's programme is for a triple boycott—a boycott against the government, a boycott against all machinery of administration—justice and education, a boycott against British goods.

MOSLEM ATTITUDE CHANGED

This programme now has gone definitely into the discard, so far as its first two elements are concerned, and the third alone lingers more as an economic than as a political weapon. The ultimate failure of Gandhi's attempt to unite the Moslems and the Hindus on this policy will be registered in the resolution to be moved by the Moslem member, Yakub Hussein, at the coming session of the national congress.

This resolution declares, on behalf of the Indian Moslems, that continuance of such drastic measures as non-co-operation is unwarranted and should be abandoned. The attitude of the Moslems toward the British government has changed in accordance with the latter's change of policy toward Turkey, as embodied in the Treaty of Lausanne. The new regime in Turkey has since lost ground with the Moslems, due to the deposition of the Khalifat.

Schoolboys Are Still Turning Out Howlers

Reuter's Special to The Victoria Times

London, Dec. 26.—"Queen Elizabeth rode through Coventry with nothing on, and Raleigh offered her his cloak." This was one of the strange errors revealed by a recent school examination paper. Here are further examples:

"Account of the feudal system: William the Conqueror was thrown from his horse and wounded in the feudal system and died of it."

"The trade of Spain is small owing to the insolence of the people."

"In Holland the people make use of water power to drive their windmills."

"In 1620 the Pilgrims crossed the ocean, which is known as the Pilgrim's Progress."

TWICE ANOINTED BY PRIESTS FOR DEATH, CHAUNCEY OLCOTT, FAMOUS IRISH ACTOR, RECOVERS AND LIVES ON IN LUCKY HOUSE

"SURE and I'm going back to the Lucky House. Take me home to the Lucky House."

Chauncey Olcott, sorely stricken on the stage and carried, still in the wig and ruffles of Sir Lucius O'Trigger, to the hospital at Ann Arbor, Michigan, kept whispering those words. Friends of the Irish actor, who played in Victoria a few years ago, might despair when they heard physicians' bulletins on his condition, but even in his delirium he himself knew the healing magic of his Lucky House.

And now returned to his home at 17 Sutton Place, New York City, looking out his back windows upon a lawn still emerald green, which reaches to the edge of the sun-flecked river, Olcott can feel the Luck driving illness from his system just as St. Patrick drove the snakes from Erin. He is confident he is going to get well, and the nurses think he is right.

This is the second time the actor has come back to the Lucky House to recover after his life was despaired of—the second time, after the priests anointed him for death.

Mrs. Olcott—the devoted Rita who was with him on tour in "The Rivals" when illness overtook him—recounts in soft-voiced reverence the story of the house. In passing, it should be told that the chosen patron saint of the family and of the house is St. Rita, "the saint of the impossible." And furthermore the poetic Celt who is master there has endowed the stones and breezes of the site with troops of elfin "little people" to keep away banshees and trouble-breeding spooks.

"For sure this is the Lucky House, and 17 is his lucky number," says Mrs. Olcott.

"We had wanted a home of our own in New York during years and years of trouping. Finally, a little more than four years ago we got our wish. We built the house new from the ground up and we felt pretty sure it would be lucky when we found it was No. 17.

"All Mr. Olcott's life the number 17 has brought good fortune. If he opened a new play on the seventeenth of the month, it was a success. If he started a voyage then, it was free from storms. Playing around Europe if he put his money on 17 at a Monte Carlo roulette table, he won.

"We were in Europe when the house was finished. Over there Mr. Olcott became poisoned from a skin infection. It was very serious. The doctors gave up and the rites of the church were administered. He was brought home to die. But he came to the Lucky House, and when we got him installed up there in the sun room on the roof he got well. And now this time he is back again and better.

"It seems that prayers from this house are answered. For years we have prayed that we would get a chance at the part he most wanted—Sir Lucius. But it was not until we moved in here that the chance came. And let we tell you that Mrs. Fiske called him 'the gallant Sir Lucius' this after we knew that he played the entire performance that last time with a high fever and in a daze, so that he doesn't remember it now. But when we got him back here, he opened his eyes and smiled to know he is in his Lucky House."

As one turns off the channel of brisk traffic and into the eddy of repose and beauty which is Sutton Place, No. 17 appears just a conventional gray masonry residence squeezed tight in a row of its kind.

But conventional? Divil a bit!

It is the castle of the gallant Sir Lucius, defended by legions of doughty Irish spirits against the assaults of ill-luck.

The "lucky house" at 17 Sutton Place, New York City, and (inset) Chauncey Olcott

Some Notes From an Old Garden Diary

By JOHN HUTCHISON, F.R.H.S.

During these shortest days of the year, when the daylight comes to an end so early in the aftrnoon, and the evenings are lng, one is likely to have time to look over gardening books and here and there pick up many bits of gardening information, which in the long, busy days of Summer, one has set aside for perusal by the Winter fireside.

In about the year 1745 one John Richard Anderson, J.P., an English country gentleman, kept a garden diary and a few extracts from it will, I think, prove interesting and also instructive.

Mr. Anderson is described as a man of about fifty years of age with a face of classic mould. His coat is wide-skirted and his wig is a "bob major," ruffles of fine lace adorn his wrists and his neck-cloth is from Ypres. By him before his study fire lies his pointer "Don," his nose on his paws, his mind in wet turnip fields with a covey of partridges. The open book, that lies on the study table, is his garden book in which he keeps notes of his garden, as well as many notes on garden lore. He notes such things as the origin of the name of Jerusalem artichoke, which is Italian and a corruption of "gir a sole," to turn to the sun; and alongside he says that heliotrope does the same thing, but gets its name from the Greek, Hello tropos.

PRAISE FOR HIS GARDENER

"I favor the old names," he writes, "and I am pleased my gardener, James Spalding, should use them. Though in other ways he is a silent man, he talks to children, animals and flowers. Yesternoon he told me five names for the Pansy to which I did add a sixth, Pense for a thought, yet he would have none of it. Herb Trinity, he calls them, and Three Faces under a Hood, and Love in Idleness, Stepmother, and Hearts Ease. He also had a name for the Venice Mallow, which is Good Night at Noon. A pretty conceit and true."

Mr. Anderson grew all manner of wild things in his garden for we find notes of calandine and Shepherd's purse, rocket, which he calls "dame's violet," balsam, which is "touch-me-not." Here also he grows penny cress and traveler's joy, which latter he calls "old man's beard" or "lady's bower." The garden diary shows that Mr. Anderson had little use for the town and was a countryman through and through. "There is not," he writes, "a pair of red heels to be seen within the miles of London. We have no place for them here be they on the shoes of Rakes or Dappers, Pretty Fellows or Politicians. And I wonder if I should care to see Phoebus' self in petticoats parading on the lawn. Your beauty plucks at flowers so carelessly even to cull herself a nosegay that she nips off the head of a rose, takes a sniff of it and throws it away. As for Sir Pertinax Hatton, the fellow, when he paid me a visit, poked about my flowers with his cane as if they grew of themselves without tending, quoting meanwhile some rubbishy verses on the dullness of the country. 'Strap me,' the puppy said, 'I protest you are all mould here.'"

NOTES ON BIRDS, TOO

Mixed with the notes, in this old diary, are thoughts on religion all of the kindly charitable character which flavors all the meditations of this kindly country gentleman. Here are some notes on birds.

"April 8. The first swallow doth appear to grace the sky, anon will come plenty and as pretty a sight as Winter-dimmed eyes could wish for. Sea gulls come far inland betokening foul weather at sea. They come into my garden and will eat a mess of toast, keeping away the lesser birds all but the Starlings who thieve pieces from them."

"April 12. I have a thrush that works for me in my garden, breaking small snails upon a stone, afterwards eating them and then giving praise to God from the topmost bough of a tree."

Among the many notes he places anything that he hears and considers curious. For example, we find that he takes pains to discover the origin of names of flowers both wild and cultivated. "Some names," he writes, "seem to spring from no recognizable source yet they obtain up and down the countryside where men will speak of the plant, 'Good King Henry' not knowing it to be called also 'English Mercury.' Which King Henry can be meant?"

"Sweet Marjoram," he says, "what fragrant thoughts arise at the sound of such names as these. 'Herb Teucer,' 'Geermander,' 'Wound Wort,' 'Wild Thyme and 'Pennyroyal' and 'Meadow Sage.' In the twilight of botany such names arose and bloomed through the night of the dark ages until the day broke, but in those mists a country poet sang of simple things near to the earth as Adam."

OLD GARDEN METHODS

The diary shows that Mr. Anderson uses much method in his garden. Under the date of March 1, he writes, "now the windes come fiercely bind your weakest plants against they become prostrate. Now is the time to sow Pinks, and Sweet Williams and Carnations. Acquaint your greenhouse and conservatory gradually with the air by day but trust not the night. Beware the sudden darkening of the sun and also the frosts and sharp windes. If the season be dry water your anemone roots well once or twice a week."

Here is a note on a superstition which still exists in many places. "Some Gily-flowers should be planted by Full Moon, but such sayings creep in from one knows not where. Though they be Heathen still the Heathen kept flowers and knew of many strange devices."

Although evidently a placid man, Mr. Anderson shows a temper at the follies of people who will not provide for themselves. "There are people in this world," he writes, "who have no thought for the Winter. They never dry a herb or pickle onions or the seeds of the Nasturtium, nor will they keep a tub of brine and lay by such pieces of the pig as the ears, tail, etc."

THE STALE CITY

Here is another evidence of his dislike for the things of the city. "Last week," he says, "comes Sir Abel Rawley out of the town and brings me news of the great world, but how stale and unprofitable it is and sounds so in my quiet and peace. That the Brocade sword knots be now worn, that Bat Piegon is the only wigmaker of elegance, that Lady—— hath an affair with a low, ill-bred fellow, and how some madman preachers that a plague will fall on the earth by Christmas and utterly destroy all that go to playhouses and taverns, these things vex the ear and are vain and small in the country."

The last entry in the diary is worth quoting. It reads: "December 31. I do thank God for all His goodness and mercy to me in this year, guarding me from loss and from illness of any grave order. I thank Him for the abundant yeald of fruit and flowers which are a solace to the mind causing man to live simple and in great content. All flesh is grass."

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HOW FRANCE HAS REFORMED HER RAILWAYS SINCE THE WAR

FRANCE'S efforts toward reconstruction after the war have in no domain been more marked than in the reorganization and improvement of her railroads. An agreement dated June 21, 1921, and ratified by the law of October 25, of the same year, introduced a new working status based on compulsory administrative and financial co-operation between all the large railways, those of the State and of Alsace-Lorraine included.

Four years have now elapsed since the new working agreement was put into effect, and, though after such a short period it is still too early to express an opinion as to its practical value, the results obtained by the new working method during this time of exceptional difficulties are described in a statement just received by the Bankers' Trust Company of New York from its French Information Service.

In view of the uncertainty of post war conditions, this new agreement is being tried as an experiment for a period lasting until the year 1927.

The separate railroads remain autonomous as regards their respective direction and management, but a unifying organization has been formed under the name of Board of Management and Superior Council of Railroads, with the object of co-ordinating private interests to a general scheme of work.

The improvements achieved under the new system are undeniable as regards administration and technical details, although attracting little public attention because of the gradual changes. Because of the "posting arrangement" there has been a better arrangement of time-tables and routes, a larger number of through carriages, a simpler calculation of fares, and other measures which mean a considerable saving of time and money.

One of the notable achievements of this period has been the reconstruction and re-equipment of the Nord and Est railroads, which was practically completed in 1922. The general repairs from the neglect suffered during the war by all railroad lines and the re-equipment in rolling stock of French railroads have also been completed. The number of engines which for the seven principal companies totalled 18,476 in 1920, was 20,383 on December 31, 1924, the number of freight cars showed an increase of twenty per cent. over the same period, and that of passenger cars eleven per cent. Figures, however, do not give an accurate idea of the improvements in transportation, for the new engines are of greater power and the passenger cars have a larger seating capacity; at the end of the present year, electric light will also be definitely substituted for gas for lighting in the trains of all French railroads.

An extensive scheme of electrification is being gradually worked out by the companies. It is to extend to a total of 9,000 kilometres, approximately, and the costs are estimated at five billion francs.

The Paris-Orleans has completed the electrification of its suburban lines round Paris and expects to start regular electric service between Paris and Orleans at the end of 1926. This company intends electrifying 3,850 kilometres of its total of 7,469 kilometres.

The Paris-Lyon-Mediterranee has begun the electrification of 2,300 kilometres of its 9,780 kilometres. The first line to be completed is that of Culoz-Modane.

The Midi is electrifying the greater part of its lines, 3,200 kilometres of 4,168 kilometres. Toulouse-Dax and Dax-Hendaye sections are now electrified, as well as several of its branch sections.

The Etat is rapidly carrying out the electrification of all its lines connecting Paris with the suburbs, and some of the sections have had electric trains since May, 1924.

New railroads have also been built, or are being built, by several companies: by the Est to improve connections with the Alsace-Lorraine lines; by the P.L.M., for a more rapid service between Paris and the Riviera and Italy; by the Midi, which is completing the building of its transpyrennean sections. A large number of lines have been double-tracked, especially those of access to Paris and other important centres. The total length of lines in operation on December 31, 1924, amounted to 41,938 kilometres.

The raising of railway fares does not appear to have had the depressing effect which had been predicted in certain circles. Both passenger and freight traffic show a marked increase. The former which from 1910 to 1914 had shown an average annual increase of three per cent. rose from 591,000,000 units in 1921 to 776,000,000 in 1924, which amounts to an increase of eighteen per cent.

Special attention is also being given to the improvement of traveling facilities for tourists. The companies have jointly established travelers' offices in Berne, Brussels, Rome and New York with a view of attracting tourists to France. Auto-car services in connection with all the principal railroads have also been greatly developed; daily auto-car service of the P.L.M. company, for example, which in 1921 traveled over 4,270 kilometres, showed 9,600 kilometres daily travel in 1924.

Similar progress is shown by the freight traffic. Refrigerator cars which numbered only 221 in 1919, totalled 2,300 in 1924, and cold storage depots have been established in Paris and Lyons by several companies. The parcel post in France is also handled by the railroads; the number of units was 42,000,000 in 1921 and 64,000,000 in 1924; the increase being eight per cent. from 1921 to 1924 as against an average annual increase of two per cent. during the four years which preceded the war. Freights totalled 265,000,000 tons in 1924, as against 193,000,000 tons in 1921, which amounts to an increase of thirty-seven per cent. The number of car loadings rose from 15,000,000 in 1921 to 22,000,000 in 1924, showing an increase of forty-six per cent.

ONLY FOUR FEET WIDE; HOLDS THREE FAMILIES—Seattle claims to have the country's smallest apartment house. It is thirty-eight feet long, 14 feet wide at one end and only four feet wide at the other, so that a man can span it with his arms, as shown above. Three families live in it.

PAWN—King Feisal of Irak, must sit by and watch Turkey and Britain dispute over his country. Turkey has argued with Great Britain over the Mosul boundary, and now threatens to invade Mosul and Irak. Such a move might lead to war.

Measures to Safeguard Industries Rushed to Avoid Foreign Lobbies

Reuter's Special to The Victoria Times

London, Dec. 26.—Much criticism has been aroused among Free Traders by the Government's action in publishing the report of the various committees appointed under the Safeguarding of Industries Act so shortly before their consideration by the House of Commons. Complaint is made that there is insufficient time for examination, but experience has proved that, if lengthy notice is given of impending legislation, foreign importers seize the opportunity to place large quantities of their goods with the British shopkeepers.

Resolutions are being put forward to deal with all commodities which have been found to satisfy the conditions required by the Act, including gas mantles, for although the committee on that subject made reservations, they emphasized the importance of maintaining the production in this country of minerals for which there is no demand other than in that trade.

The most important industry concerned is that of cutlery, in which the German competition has been abnormal. Sheffield claims to have been the centre of knife-making since the days of the Romans, and it is felt that the town is entitled to special consideration at a time when there is such depression in the iron and steel trades.

There is complaint in some quarters that protection is being introduced piecemeal, but Mr. Baldwin is keeping the promise made at the last election, and is only invoking the aid of the Safeguarding of Indsutries Act in support of those trades of national importance which threaten to become extinct in consequence of foreign competition.

The Government will have to face strenuous opposition, but some of the Labor members are in sympathy with the workings of the Act, particularly where their own constituents are concerned. Since the 11 o'clock rule was suspended the Government have time on their side.

Lawyers Unlucky With Their Watches

Reuter's Special to The Victoria Times

London, Dec. 26. — A member of Lincoln's Inn has just made the remarkable disclosure that he had lost five watches at different times, and, presumably through the attentions of pick-pockets, while traveling between Paddington and his Inn.

Lawyers seem especially unlucky in the matter of watches. Perhaps the leading case was that of a presiding magistrate at Bow Street, who, illustrating the forgetfulness of mankind during a case, mentioned that he himself had come down without his watch that morning. When he got home at night his daughter said, "Well, did you get your watch?"

It turned out that an old thief at the back of the court had heard the magistrate's admission, had made the best use of it, and had called at the house for the watch, which the magistrate never saw again.

The Faint Heart

By RUBY AYRES

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"'Morning, Mrs. Elkin," he said, in his familiar way. Hayward was not a nice man. Success had given him a strange sort of conceit which persuaded him that he was pleasing to most pretty women and held in awe by most men.

He had seen Lena the first day of her arrival in the village and had tried clumsily to make friends with her. But Lena was no fool. The years had taught her that the higher one flew the better, and she had administered several snubs to Hayward's advances. But to-day she recognized his usefulness. It was five miles to the cottage hospital, and he had a car. She forced herself to smile.

"How you startled me!" she said, nervously. "I was just wishing some kind Samaritan would come along and give me a lift."

"Which way do you want to go?" he asked. "My car is at your disposal."

Lena hesitated. She did not like to tell him the truth. As yet she was afraid to create gossip about herself and Shayle, for fear of alienating him altogether. Besides, for the moment it suited her better to be silent. But the hospital was five miles away, in a small village which could boast no other attraction, and while she was vainly searching in her mind for an adequate reason Hayward said again:

"I've made myself of use once before this morning. I met Miss Wye-Smith along the road two hours or more ago and she coaxed a ride out of me as far as the hospital."

Lena looked up sharply.

"The hospital! Why has she gone there?"

Hayward was shrewd, and he knew that, in spite of his poverty, the women liked Shayle. So it was with a touch of malice that he answered:

"She went running after Shayle Holway. You've heard the news, I expect. The colonel mistook him for a burglar and shot him." He laughed unpleasantly. "Not such a mistake as they say it is, if you ask me. The colonel's a very determined man and he never liked young Holway running around after Miss Babs." He opened the door of his car and got down. "It's not exactly a Rolls Royce," he apologized, cynically, "but you're welcome to a lift if you'll honor me."

"You're very kind," Lena said. There was a bitter jealously tearing her heart. Shayle and Babs! Somehow she had always guessed it, and tried not to.

"So there is romance even in a quiet village like this," she said lightly, as Hayward tucked a shabby rug round her and started the engine. "Though I should hardly have thought Mr. Holway would care very much for such a child as Babs Wye-Smith."

Hayward glanced at her sideways.

"He cares very much about her, from all accounts," he said, drily. "Besides, I've seen with my own eyes."

He drove the car forward with tremendous speed.

"That day of the storm when the big elm was struck up at the colonel's place," he went on volubly, "Shayle and Miss Babs was in the drive together, and had a narrow escape from being struck themselves. I was driving by at the time, and saw it happen."

Lena shivered. "Oh, how dreadful," she said faintly.

"Oh, they didn't seem to mind," Hayward answered coarsely. "I should have gone to their help, only I saw they didn't seem to need any. They were in each other's arms fast enough, and glad of the excuse, I daresay."

Lena turned her head away. She felt she could not bear the scrutiny of his eyes just then.

"They are engaged then?" she forced herself to say.

Hayward shook his head.

"Not unless it's on the Q.T. and between themselves. I happen to know that the colonel has other ideas for his daughter."

He tried to give the impression that he was embraced by those views, but Lena was paying no attention.

Babs and Shayle in each other's arms! How dared they, oh how dared they? She clenched her hands beneath the shabby rug and bit her lip till it bled.

"And where are you wanting to go, Mrs. Elkin?" Hayward inquired, smoothly.

Lena hesitated no longer. She did not care now what he thought—she did not care what anyone thought. The picture of Babs in Shayle's arms tortured her, and she hated the girl for her youth and unspoiled innocence.

"I want to go to the cottage hospital," she said, sharply.

TWO WOMEN MEET

A sudden suspicion leapt into the farmer's eyes as Lena asked him to take her to the hospital.

"Mr. Holway will have lots of anxious inquiries for his health," he said, with a touch of jealousy.

Lena turned and looked at him.

"I have known him for years," she told him, deliberately; "he and I are old friends."

There was a short silence, then Hayward laughed.

"Oh, I see!" he said, with a faint sneer. Shayle was no friend of his, but he preferred him to the colonel's son, so after a moment he went on: "Well, p'raps, if the need ever arises, I can give you a piece of information about last night's doings that may help your friend quite a lot."

There was a world of meaning in his voice, and Lena's heart missed a beat, but she spoke quietly enough.

"I don't understand. What do you mean?"

Hayward kept his eyes on the road.

"Never mind now. But just you remember—if there's any trouble about last night you come and tell me."

Lena stared at him for a moment with puzzled eyes. She disliked Hayward intensely, but instinct told her that at the moment he was sincere.

"I did not know you were such a friend of Mr. Holway's," she said, with a touch of cynicism.

"I'm not," he answered, bluntly. "But I prefer him to that young blackguard Wye-Smith."

"Jim! You mean Jim!" she cried in amazement.

He turned and looked at her with hard eyes.

"Yes, I mean Jim, as you call him," he admitted.

Lena flushed. She imagined that this man must somehow have got to know of her friendship with Jim and was preparing to hold it over her head as a weapon; but she was wrong. Hayward was intensely inquisitive and made most things his business, but so far he had not discovered how frequently Jim visited the cottage.

"But he has never done you any harm, has he?" she faltered.

"Perhaps not," he admitted bluntly, "but he's never done me any good, either, and any way, I hate the young devil."

Lena said nothing till they reached the hospital, then she turned to him before she left the car with her very sweetest smile.

"I shall keep you on that promise, Mr. Hayward," she said. "And if there is any trouble about last night I shall come to you."

He looked at her with a sort of insolent familiarity.

"Yes, you come to me. That's a bargain," he said, and drove away.

Lena went slowly into the little hospital. It was a small stone-built building to which Colonel Wye-Smith had more than once been a generous patron, and this morning it was bathed in Spring sunshine, with muslin blinds fluttering in the breeze at open windows.

The front door was wide open, too, and as Lena entered a pleasant-looking nurse in spotless uniform came down the stairs. She looked at Lena interestedly. It was seldom one saw a woman of Lena's type in the little village.

"Do you want to see Matron?" she asked.

Lena shook her head. "I have come to inquire after Mr. Holway," she answered, nervously. "He is here, isn't he? My name is Mrs. Elkin."

She would have given her soul for the courage to say, "I am his wife." But she did not dare.

The nurse hesitated.

"Come into the waiting-room," she said at last. "I will inquire for you. I know he is very ill."

She led the way into a plainly-furnished sitting-room, and as she went away, closing the door softly behind her, Lena saw Babs standing by the window.

There was a moment's silence, then Lena spoke.

"Oh, how do you do? It is Miss Wye-Smith, isn't it?"

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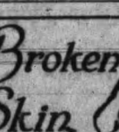

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Seeds of Kindness Spring Into Great Flowering Plants of Happness and Joy

Of more lasting worth than wealth; more to be desired than power, pride of place, or bounty is a little kindness mixed in the round of life so that the sun may set on a world each day the happier for your having lived in it. The true lasting gold of human character is kindness, the desire to help others without benefit or hope of reward for oneself.

How many little readers in the flush of Christmas joys have stopped to think of the lot of tiny suffeers in hospital? When Santa Claus showers toys and treasurers on you, do you give a thought to the little girl "down the street" to whom Santa Claus did not come this year.

Many say Santa Claus comes only to the rich, but that is not so. He comes to all who are in the mood to be happy. At times there is so much sorrow in a household that the kind old man knows from experience that to parade the joys of the world before such eyes would be but to heighten its misery.

The little girl who awakens on Christmas Day to find the first doll she has ever owned in her life gets more pleasure from that single gift than the hundreds of dollars worth of toys that go into the house of the well-to-do. Everybody knows of the story of the poor little rich boy who had everything he asked for until one Christmas came and there was nothing he wanted at all. He was miserable indeed until he found that by sharing his toys with others he found great happiness in watching their joy.

These are the lessons told in two charming Christmas stories written by a certain class in a certain Victoria school. One, "A Christmas Story," is written by a ten-year-old girl who has worked the answer out for herself. The other, "Kindness at Christmas," is from the pen of an eleven-year-old boy. To these and to all who share their good fortune with others this world gives its richest treasure, well earned happiness. The stories follow:

"A CHRISTMAS STORY"

"Once upon a time there was a little girl named Dorothy. She was a very good little girl, she did the dishes, went on errands and helped her mother very much.

"One day her mother sent her down town to Spencer's. She was very happy because she wanted to see Santa Claus.

"When she got down there the first thing she did was to go and see Santa Claus. When she got there Santa was asking a little girl what she wanted for Christmas.

"But the little girl, whose name was Patsy, began to cry and she said, 'I can't have anything, Santa, because my mother is poor and she told me I couldn't have anything.'

"Dorothy heard all this and she didn't even wait to speak to Santa Claus but got her things and hurried home. That night at supper time she told her mother and daddy everything.

"Her mother was glad that she had a girl who thought of other children.

"Next day Dorothy found that Patsy lived only a few houses down the street. She went up to the door and knocked. Patsy came to the door shyly and asked her to come in. Dorothy went and found her mother washing clothes and she looked very weak. She had no father. Patsy's mother was surprised to see Dorothy playing with Patsy, for nobody else would.

"Dorothy looked round the house and she saw an old bed in one corner and that was all.

"When she went to bed that night she said, 'Mother, wouldn't it be nice if we asked Patsy and her mother to come and spend Christmas Day with us?'

"Her mother told her that she had made up her mind to ask Patsy and her mother.

"So on Christmas eve Patsy and her mother were asked over. Her mother was delighted. Patsy was to have a Christmas after all."

By Mildred Hall, aged 10 years.

"KINDNESS AT CHRISTMAS"

"The night before Christmas a little girl's mother asked what she wanted for Christmas. Her mother knew she wanted a big doll with blue eyes and real hair, for the little girl asked for that from Santa especially.

"After a while her mother said, 'We'll go over to the hospital and see a little girl about as big as you are (just seven), who is very sick and Santa will not leave her any toys. If Santa leaves you a doll, I think you would like to give it to her because she has no father or mother?

"'No! No!' cried the first little girl I mentioned. 'I am not going to give my doll to that girl.'

"'All right,' said her mother, 'you don't need to.' There was nothing more said about the little girl who was in the hospital.

"The little girl in the hospital was Vera and the little girl who was going to see her was Helen.

"The next morning when Helen got up she found a big doll, just what she wanted, tucked in beside her. 'O! I'm glad,' she cried, 'Santa left me my doll.'

"When her mother got up they had breakfast and unwrapped three presents. Then they got ready to go to the hospital.

"When Helen got to the hospital she said, 'Which little girl is Vera?'

"Her mother replied, 'There's Vera over in the corner in a little bed talking to a little girl.' They went over to Vera and Helen saw that Vera and all the rest of the children had no toys. After a while Helen and her mother went home.

"Helen said, 'Mother! I feel sorry for that little girl. I want to take her my doll and take the rest of the children some things.'

"'We shall take Vera your doll and give each of the others a little bag of nuts and a hanky or a string of beads in each bag.'

"That afternoon Helen and her mother went to the hospital again and gave Vera the doll and the rest of the children their presents. When Helen came home, she said, 'O! mother, I feel so glad. I don't know what to do with myself!'

"Her mother said, 'I feel glad, too, you made the children in the hospital happy.'"

By Albert Hunter, Sir James Douglas School, aged 11.

HIGH FINANCE

"Happy" Fritz Bowman is a financier in his own right. Suspicious of bank messengers and the like, he carries his own deposits to the bank in Allentown, Pa., and no one yet has attempted to take his money. He has an account in his own name. "Happy" is a German shepherd dog owned by Victoria A. Bowman.

Describes How Flour is Made

In an address before the Rotary Club at Prince Rupert recently, David Wilton gave an account of the making of flour from wheat, describing the many processes necessary to the handling of flour for bread-making purposes.

Mr. Wilton explained at the outset that he had been in the employ of the great Spillers firm for twenty-five years in the Old Country, where they had wheat coming in from all over the world. It was part of their work to examine the condition of each cargo on arrival, to note if the wheat itself was in good condition, if the lining of the ship had done its work of preventing damage and if the cargo had been properly stored.

After delivery of the grain had been accepted, the first thing to do was to get rid of all foreign matters by a series of exhaust fans. The second stage was to separate any other grains such as oats or barley. Then the wheat was put through another process which automatically graded it according to size. Metal substances were taken out by means of magnets and stony substances by washing. The wheat was then dried until there remained only fourteen per cent moisture, when it was ready for the blenders.

Having wheat coming from all parts of the world, blending becomes necessary in order to secure the kind of flour needed. In that way only the best results could be obtained.

Smut had to be carefully watched for in all wheat coming in and when found had to be taken out. A small amount of smut would spoil the flour.

MILLING THE GRAIN

In milling the grain it was passed through four distinct processes. In the first it was cracked, further reduced in the second process and the brans extracted in the third. It was then passed over silks and sifted. Drying followed, the latter process being particularly necessary if the flour had to be stored.

The very white flour, so much esteemed by patrons of bakers, is bleached by electricity, this making it appear uniform.

BEDTIME STORY

Uncle Wiggily's Christmas Cake

By Howard R. Garis

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"There you are, Uncle Wiggily!" called Nurse Jane Fuzzy Wuzzy, the muskrat lady housekeeper, to the rabbit gentleman the day after Christmas. "The basket is all packed ready for you to take."

"What basket—where, and what is in it?" asked the bunny who was looking at Tooter and Scooter playing with their Christmas train of cars on the floor.

"Oh, I guess your wife forgot to tell you," went on Nurse Jane, "but she wants to send a Christmas cake to Aunt Lettie, the lady goat. I made three or four Christmas cakes, you know, and we thought perhaps Aunt Lettie didn't have any. But she soon will if you'll take it to her. It will be like a party cake for her. Will you take it?"

"Of course, I will," promised the bunny gentleman. "It will do me good to hop across the fields and through the woods, now that the snow has stopped," for there was a heavy fall of the white flakes on Christmas.

While Uncle Wiggily was getting ready to go to the goat lady's house where she lived with Uncle Butter,

What have you in the basket? snarled the bad chap.

Scooter, one of the little rabbit children of Mr. Longears, whispered to his brother Tooter:

"I'm going to play a trick. I'll take the Christmas cake out of the basket and in its place I'll put my old, broken, last year's jack-in-the-box—the one that jumps out at you and squeaks."

"Does it jump any more?" asked Tooter.

"Oh, yes, it jumps pretty good—it's only broken a little. And when Aunt Lettie opens the basket, thinking she's going to get a Christmas cake, she'll holler like anything when the jack jumps."

"Oh, I should say she would!" laughed. Tooter. "I'll be lots of fun. I wish we could be there to see it. But daddycums will tell us about it when he comes home. Only if he guesses that you played the trick, he may punish you even if it is Christmas time."

"He'll never know who did it," chuckled Scooter.

The little bunny boys slipped out into the hall where Nurse Jane had set the basket containing the Christmas cake. They took out the cake and under the napkin which covered it they put the old jack-in-the-box. Then, hearing Uncle Wiggily coming, those two little mischievous chaps scurried away.

"Well, here I go with the Christmas cake!" sang Uncle Wiggily as he hopped over the snow, sometimes going fast and sometimes going slow. He was almost at the home of Aunt Lettie, the dear, little, old, fussy, nervous goat lady, when, all of a sudden, out from behind a bush, popped the Bob Cat with his silly little tail.

"What have you in the basket?" snarled the bad chap.

"A Christmas cake for Aunt Lettie," answered the rabbit.

"Well, you needn't bother to take it to her—I'll eat it for her and save her the trouble!" said the Bob Cat.

"Oh, no!" cried Uncle Wiggily.

"Oh, yes!" snarled the Bob Cat. Most impolitely he tore the basket from the paws of Uncle Wiggily, and ripped off the cover. Inside was something covered with a napkin. "I love Christmas cake!" laughed the Bob Cat. With his paw he clawed off the napkin, but he touched the cover of the box and up and out popped the jack, with his fringe of straight black hair.

"Squee-kee!" cried the jack.

"Oh, it's a Goblin! You changed the cake into a Goblin to bite me!" snarled the Bob Cat, and dropping basket, jack and all, away he ran, taking his silly little tail with him.

"Dear me! How surprising!" exclaimed Uncle Wiggily. "I must have picked up the wrong basket in the hall—I took one with the toy in it instead of the cake basket. I'll go right back and get the cake for Aunt Lettie." And when he came hopping home again he said:

"Such a mistake as I made! But it's a good thing I had the jack instead of the cake, or there might have been trouble."

"Oh, daddycums," said Scooter sadly. "It wasn't a mistake! I put the jack in the basket on purpose and Tooter and I took the cake. But we didn't eat it and here it is and we're very sorry!"

"Well, as long as you are sorry I shall forgive you," said Uncle Wiggily. "It wasn't the right thing to do, but, as it happened, it was all for the best. But don't do it again!"

The bunnies said they wouldn't, and then they felt happier and went with their daddy to call on Aunt Lettie, who was very glad to get the Christmas cake. And if the egg beater doesn't drop peanut shells all over the head of the stairs, I'll tell you next about Uncle Wiggily and the gold dish.

THE BIBLE IN PICTURES AND TEXT

By HELEN E. OHRENSCHALL

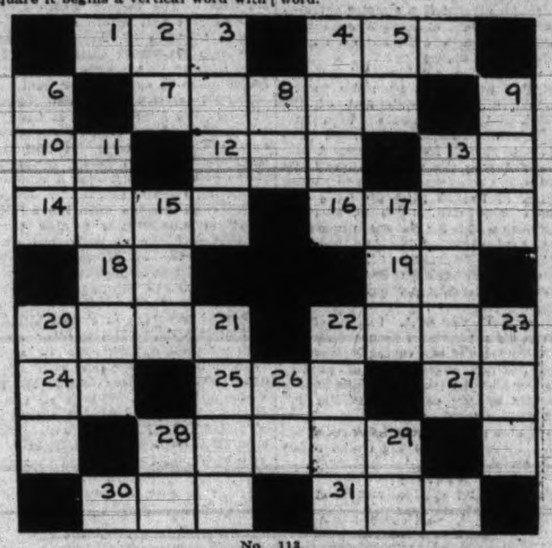
JOSEPH SOLD TO THE ISHMEELITES

JOSEPH'S brothers sat down to eat bread, they lifted their eyes and behold a company of Ishmeelites came from Gilead with their camels bearing spicery and balm and myrrh, going to carry it down to Egypt. Judah said to his brethern, "What profiit is it if we slay our brother and conceal his blood? Come let us sell him to the Ishmeelites, let not our hand be upon him."

The merchantmen passed by, then they lifted Joseph out of the pit and sold Joseph to the Ishmeelites for twenty pieces of silver and they brought Joseph into Egypt.

CROSS-WORD PUZZLE FOR THE LITTLE FOLKS

Here is puzzle No. 113 and the answer to that published last week. There are a few difficult words in this puzzle, though here and there is an odd one that will not come to you all at once. When there is a black square over the numbered square it begins a vertical word with its meaning to be found under that number in the vertical definitions. When the black square is to the left of the number and on the same line the word to follow is horizontal and its meaning found in the other set of definitions. The definitions will guide you as to the meaning of each word.



No. 113.

DEFINITIONS TO GUIDE YOU

HORIZONTAL

1. An automobile.
4. The opposite of "daughter."
7. A sour fruit.
10. A word meaning "elevated railway."
12. Gloomy, mournful.
13. Company (abbr.)
14. Gone by.
16. The name of the first man.
18. A pronoun.
19. Within.
20. A joint of the leg.
22. One of the first things one does in arithmetic class.
24. Part of the verb "to be."
25. A large truck, used in moving furniture.
27. The way "you" is sometimes written in the Bible.
28. Makes a loan.
30. Fighting between nations.
31. Still, as before.

VERTICAL

2. A boy's name.
3. To take a rest.
4. What we drink at the soda-fountain.
5. Upon.
6. Life, energy, spirit.
8. Mother.
9. A boy's name.
11. Grassy ground in front of a house (pl.).
13. What we buy at the candy store.
15. What we do with our eyes.
17. Past form of the verb "to do."
20. A young goat.
21. At any time, on any occasion.
22. A nickname for a boy named "Andrew."
23. To place in position.
26. The way "a" is sometimes written.
28. A note of the scale.
29. Southeast (abbr.).

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PUSSY SLIDES

This is Felix, who is a full fledged fireman. Felix was rescued by a Pittsburg fireman when his mistress was about to drown him. Now he lives in the engine house and slides down the pole every time he wants out.

Citizen Seagulls And Their Meals

Seagulls that come every day at the noon hour to be fed from office windows in the city are no uncommon sight these days. On the top floor of The Times' building at precisely 11.50 a.m. every day seagulls arrive to perch on the stone ledges of the windows and wait to be fed.

Sometimes the appetite of the birds exceeds their usual caution, for they tap at the windows with their bills and peer eagerly inside as if to remind those there that this is their meal hour, too. Nor is the daring of the gulls wasted, for without fail crumbs and titbits are pushed out to them every day.

At other office windows throughout the city the same scene takes place, the birds in many cases feeding out of the hands of those who remember them and their wants. Several of the younger gulls, more daring than their fellows, make a regular tour of the city, calling at window after window in quick succession, and getting crumbs at each.

It is only in Winter time that the gulls come inland so readily. In the warmth of Summer and at other times in the year the seagulls find plenty of fish for food. Sprats, smelts and all the swarming schools of smaller fish are their prey. They can be seen poised above a dark streak in the water, following a line of fish. Suddenly their heads go down and the graceful birds swoop right below the surface of the water in headlong dives.

Seldom do the gulls emerge without some reward for their energy, and usually the tail of a bright silvery fish may be seen still sticking from the bill of the bird after such a dive. In Winter, however, whether it is that the fish lie lower in the water and so go out of reach, or else migrate to other parts, the gulls have less success with their normal foraging and come inland in numbers.

Almost any day now the seagulls may be seen wading through swampy fields, pecking here and there at a morsel of food. Again they are to be seen strutting pompously along the boulevards, still in search of something to eat. At many places in the city they have made friends with neighborhood grocery stores and make regular calls at such places for a daily meal. If their wants are not recognized at once the gulls are not slow to point out the omission and it is no uncommon sight to see seagulls perched in a row on the roof of a grocery store in the suburbs, squealing and coaxing for their daily portion.

Next time you are going to the grate with a pan full of crumbs and sweepings, change your mind and place the crumbs in the garden. After a few days, you, too, will have your feathered friends.

The birds are often blamed for excesses in the garden in fruit time, but many realize the good they do in picking off caterpillars and other pests which, if left alone, would make all forms of gardening impossible. From November to February each year put the birds down for a daily meal from your breakfast table. The results will delight you.

HEALTHIEST CHILDREN

Here are the healthiest girl and boy on this continent, according to officials of the Fourth Annual Boys and Girls Club Congress at Chicago, who picked them from the 600,000 members. They are George Cuskaden, fourteen, and Alice Burkhardt, fifteen.

WHEN THE MAN-IN-THE-MOON SMILED DOWN ON A SNOW-WHITE WORLD ONE NIGHT

The Stars Wondered But Then They Did Not See What Moonbeams Found

Of course it may have been just imagination, but the stars thought they saw a smile in the face of the Man in the Moon on Christmas Eve. The same moon had been getting up patiently night after night to play understudy to the sun, as a promise to the people of the world that the sun's warming rays would be back directly and had not been withdrawn for good.

Calm and serene, no matter how stormy the night or how hard the wind blew, the moon had been going its rounds night after night, a floating lantern, shining on a sleeping world. Its beams peeped into this corner and that; into threadbare homes and costly palaces. Here they lingered a moment to sooth a frightened child to sleep; there they hurried on to avoid discovering the personal affairs of Dan Cupid, the little winged god.

The same beams tinged lowering black rain clouds to silver grey and set snow-covered fields dancing as the light was reflected from each little particle of the diamond dust. Here its light was courted by a watchman going to his home; there shunned by a robber found in his nefarious ways. Dogs bayed at it; owls hooted; sleepy cockerels set up an ill-timed crow as it passed serenely on.

Midnight passed and the moon commenced its long descent to the horizon again. This was now Christmas Day, and it, the watchman going late to bed. Perhaps that is why the Man-in-the-Moon wore a smile that night, for everywhere he looked Santa Claus had been!

Here lay a sleeping boy, face flushed with expectancy of the morrow, and with hand stretched out across the pillow. One inch away from the fingers lay a drum, while a bulging stocking made shadows on the wall as it swung from the end of the bed rail.

There in another home lay a doll, its eyes closed, too, in sleep. In the morning it would be hugged tightly by little arms; would sit up in surprise, roll its eyes and say "Ma-Ma." Framed in a mass of golden curls lay its little mistress, as yet unconscious of Santa's bounty.

The same moon peeked into cupboards not often shown to a stranger. In some it found turkeys stuffed and ready for the oven. In such larders lay row on row of cakes, pies, and all the delicacies for a rollicking Christmas dinner.

In other cupboards the bare boards rattled their edges together in the wind, while mice fought for crumbs of bread from loaves that had long since been eaten. It may be the Man-in-the-Moon frowned as he saw such cupboards, but certain it is he sighed, for the wind carried its echo around the world.

It was the privilege of the moon to look everywhere, and that is how it came to gaze in time upon the most forlorn house in the world. It stood, a great mansion, high up on the crest of a hill, surrounded by artificial lakes, planted avenues of trees, all in a spacious domain. The dwellings consisted of wing after wing of rooms, as large as a fair-sized hotel, but this would have made a poor hotel, for the guest rooms were empty.

In a far-away section at the rear of the mansion several forms tossed restlessly on none too soft beds, for these were the servants quarters and placed on the unprotected side of the edifice where north winds sent a shower of dead leaves along the walks and overflowing gutters dripped streams of water against the window panes.

One room on theg round floor of this dwelling was a blaze of light. Whoever occupied the room seemed to be bidding defiance to the darkness of the night outside for lights glared from every corner of the ceiling and in sets of two around the walls. In a large open grate a log fire was blazing, but sulkily as if it would have much preferred to go out rather than keep such poor company.

The only living occupant of the room was a little wizened up old man. He would sit for a moment lost in the depths of an arm chair, only to rise the next and pace restlessly up and down, up and down, as if his feet had to keep pace with his thoughts as they too were of a wandering nature.

Stooped and tired-looking this man might have been sixty years of age or more if one judged by the lines under the eyes and the hard knitted wrinkles across the forehead in a glowering band of sallow flesh. This was Julius K. Baron, the most powerful man in his city, head of a dozen banks, owner of railroads, millionaire many times over—and the loneliest man in the country.

Early in life had Julius cast aside play for work. His work prospered. Efficiency became his keynote. His factories were models. His banks "sound." His railroads "paying." His profits became so great that he paid more in income tax to the country than 100 men ordinarily receive in return for their year's labors.

Early too had Julius thrown off all relatives, poor and otherwise, classing them as a "nuisance," or "shiftless." They, his kinsmen, had not fitted in his plan of efficiency, but had been written off as "loss." Though his cheque book was a passport to most portals here was a man who had no friends and now on Christmas morning stood alone in the world.

Julius was not a hard hearted man, only had grown out of touch with his fellow men. Owning cities he understood little of their inhabitants. The thousands of workers in his factories were merely part of his "operating cost." Now, on this night, he realized the poorest of his workers was a king in his palace beside the little bent old man alone in his castle.

As he sat thus a stone rattled against a window pane near his head. His first thought was to switch out the lights and call the servants, but the sound of a voice checked him—it sounded such a weak little voice, that of a child. Throwing open the window Julius saw a little girl on the gravel path outside, bareheaded and shivering. His "What's the matter?" had a touch of kindness in it which may have prompted the little girl to tell of her mission.

Acting on impulse Julius unfastened the door with his own hands and called the little girl in. He placed her in a huge chair near the fire and told her not to bother speaking until she was warm again. But there was no stopping that flood of outspoken truth: Martha, five years of age, had slipped away from her home to ask the big man on the hill why it was her Daddy had to work on Christmas Day?

"You say your father works for me?" asked Julius, honestly at a loss to know how to answer the question.

"Yes, sir, he is an engineer in the box factory."

"And that he has to work on Christmas Day?" continued the old man.

"Yes, to keep the fires up so that the factory may open the next day," was the reply.

There were more explanations, questions and answers. It seemed the little girl had expected her Daddy home on that great day and had made him a present with her own hands. Now he was not to be there at all and Christmas would be spoiled for that home.

It was five o'clock in the morning when a powerful grey car with flashing headlights stopped with a smooth purr in front of a little cottage in a village six miles away. A little old man handed out a little girl and played a flashlight on the path so that she would be able to dodge the pools of water in the cinder track to the dwelling.

That was many years ago but to this day they tell of the wonderful Christmas when The Old Man on the Hill played Santa Claus to a great throng who filled his guest rooms to overflowing on the same day. Children sat down in thousands to Christmas dinners which were held in relays until all who came had been feted and fed.

It was a straighter, younger looking man who stood at the door to wish them good by that evening. He was still bald but the old look of tiredness had gone out of his face. Instead Julius, for he it was, laughed happily as each little guest took leave, and flushed with pleasure when one little girl slipped a daisy chain into his hand. That was Martha and holding her other hand was her Daddy, the engineer who did not have to go to the box factory that day.

Many who had never heard of Julius noticed the moon that night. They say the Man-in-the-Moon had a smile that made all who saw it smile in return. Be that as it may there could be no doubt about Julius, for as the moon again climbed into the sky he sat in his chair and smiled happily as he pressed the dried wreaths of a daisy chain into his Mother's Bible. The petals of the last daisy pointed to a line: "A Little Child Shall Lead Them—."

"Eh, Martha," mused Julius, "efficiency is not everything—this is the happiest Christmas I have ever had."

CHIMNEY SWEEP

This stone leopard has been crawling out of the chimney on the famous old Parker House, Boston, which is to be torn down. The building was erected by Harvey D. Parker, and the leopard is a part of the heraldic emblem of his family.

HOME INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES

Society

WOMEN'S CLUB ORGANIZATIONS

Former Ducal Mansions Of England Become Schools

Palatial Estates, Expensive of Upkeep, House Daughters of New Rich; Maids for School Girls

Of recent years great changes have come over the social life of England, and the aristocratic families are now, thanks to the imposition of heavy taxes on lands and incomes unable to keep up their magnificent country homes and estates. Schools are no longer schools; they are often luxurious homes, for in many cases the historic homes of England's premier aristocracy have been converted into schools for the daughters of the new rich.

TIMES CHANGING

A few years ago hygiene and hardihood were the main objects of school architects. Comfort was ranked a long way after cleanliness, and the ideal institution was aimed at, not the second home.

To-day all is changed. A manor house, a ducal castle, or even a royal residence rich in legend is bought by a company and turned into a girls' school with perhaps a woman in charge from the very family of the former owners.

A mother going to view the school is met at the distant country station by a handsome car, the property of the school. She is whirled along rural roads, through lodge gates, and along a beautifully kept drive.

She finds a typical English country house mellowed with age. Within are softly carpeted passages, large halls, lofty, well-proportioned sitting-rooms.

Each girl has a bedroom to herself dainty, and in every way like the ordinary bedroom of the daughter of a country house.

A butler and footman wait at table. The "young ladies" have a maid to two of them.

Classrooms are not furnished with desks and blackboards. The pupils sit on carved oak chairs at a refectory table. Their gymnasium is the former ballroom, often hung with ancestral portraits.

TRADITION ABSORBED

Girls brought up in such an atmosphere cannot lose their gentle manners, quiet voices, and poise and they absorb an appreciation of art and tradition unconsciously.

The fees at such a school run high. Over £1,000 a year is spent on the garden alone of one of these establishments in a home county. The huge staff kept, the insurance of historic treasures, the scale of living cost thousands before a profit is made at all.

When a golf course, stables, and a bathing lake are added as is often the case, expenses mount again. Fees at these school often total £400-£500 a year for a pupil of fifteen or so without extras, which in themselves may amount to another hundred or two.

"MOST PERFECT TEETH"—Andree Brabant, French film actress, is credited with having the most perfect teeth in France. They are her own.

MISS 1926—Here's Miss Dorothy Chandler garbed as fashion experts say the flapper of 1926 will be garbed.

SHE LOVES IT—It's a she, Bessie Love of the films to be exact. She brought her mannish gear from Paris, where she says it's popular.

Household Suggestions

Curtain rings that have become rusty through exposure to the air should be soaked for about twelve hours in paraffin oil.

Powdered camphor sprinkled over the mattress and under the covering dust sheet will help to keep moths away.

Dry your coffee grounds and mix with coal dust. When you have a bright fire, put a good-sized shovelful of this mixture at the back and press well down.

Dry newspapers make good polishers for windows, mirrors, and ranges. Wet newspapers when torn into shreds and scattered over carpet and rugs wil help to settle and eliminate dust by attracting it.

When steaming a pudding, do not quite fill the basin, or there will not be room for it to rise. In boiling one, however, see that it is quite full, or the water will get in. Crusts of bread may be used to fill up a gap, but must be removed before the pudding is turned out.

PHILANDERINGS

IT is so easy, at a little evening's dance, to fripper one's dress so that it is almost ruined. Especially are the little mousseline gowns, which are so charming and so girlish, very perishable. Unless one has a maid who is expert in the art of repassage, I fear that many a filmsy creation does not last many evenings.

A great deal could be said about the care of the lovely things which make up Musetta's garde-robe, but probably she happily leaves that to the expert fingers of her femme-de-chambre.

It does seem that the gowns for the evening have never been quite so alluring, quite so becoming as this season.

Perhaps it is because Musetta knows that she is beautiful and that in the atmosphere of soft-colored lights and becoming interiors she is at her very best.

Where is the woman who does not adore the slight artificiality of the ballroom, the cabaret, the candle-lighted dinner?

She is very careful about her make-up for, of course, that is the most important part of her toilette. Her gown may be a perfect marvel, her little slippers a dream, her coiffure a wonderful poem, but she must be "right" about her maquillage.

The really clever girl will not make up too much early in the evening. She will put on the rouge and powder very delicately for, if the evening is to be a long one—perhaps the theatre and a dance afterward—she will be obliged to use more as the hours wear on.

So at the beginning, very little. A great deal of make-up is ugly anyway, and should never be exaggerated.

THERE is a tendency in the season's models towards lavishness. Wonderful, indeed, are the gowns of velvet and the brocade materials which are the favorites.

However, mousselines are adorable, too, and they are so thin and vapeureux that they are almost fairy-like beside the rather heavy notes of the metallic effects.

Many of the simpler dresses are made of the printed mousselines which are rather delightful, and refreshing, too, after all the sumptuous toilettes one is accustomed to see.

MUSETTA was always clever in subtle things. Almost the first thing she does when she enters a room is to carefully and quickly look around to see where she may display her gown to best advantage.

There are chairs which would simply make any toilette look unbecoming; there are divans whose colors could kill her delicately-tinted dress.

At home she has chosen just the very draperies which suit her coloring best, and she always remembers this when she chooses her tea gowns and pyjamas.

Many women never give a thought to these details, and they sometimes wonder what is wrong—why such a deshabille looks a beautiful in the shop, and why it is such a failure at home! Just that, perhaps. She forgot where she was to wear it!

Well, a word to the fair will make her wise . . . and no one can resist the combination of wisdom and beauty!

THE interminable controversy about the waistline seems to be quite definitely settling, and there is one less important fashion note to report.

Of course, it is going up. There are models which show it in the natural place, others which timidly place it neither low nor high, precisely, but with a highish tendency.

It is surely climbing, however. Whether or not the following seasons will find it in some exaggerated place, such as the Empire style, remains on the knees of the gods—or rather the dressmakers.

When, at the beginning of the last season one saw the trend "onwards and upwards," as Ruggles remarked, it was a little difficult to adopt it instantea.

However, one might compare these weighty matters to the philosophy of love which someone lightly describes as "love—well—not love at first sight, but love at the end of the season, which is so much more satisfactory!"

IT appears that the gold and silver mesh stockings, which were heralded with so much eclat, are not proving such a success after all.

They are really not flattering, even upon a well turned ankle, although their novelty is quite amusing.

Recently, in a smart shop, a lady hesitated about purchasing a pair of gold stockings and was finally persuaded to do so when the saleswoman assured her that they would wear like iron.

DRESS

By MARY MARSHALL

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If You Have Lace Among Your Treasures Prepare to Use It Now.

There has been of late a tremendous revival of interest in lace.

European shop keepers last Summer were delighted to find American women far more eager than they had been for many years to buy quantities of lace—lovely lace at a high price, ordinary lace at a medium price and lace that would make any connoisseur shudder at a price that seemed a most amazing bargain. During the Summer and Autumn hundreds and hundreds and thousands of yards of lace made their way to this country in the holds of West-bound ocean liners. Some of it was imported by merchants here, but much of it came as part of the luggage of globe-trotting Americans.

And that lace is now being brought to light, carried to the dressmaker or spread out in private sewing-rooms. Fortunately the new mode offers excellent opportunity for the use of lace—not skimply bits of lace, but enough lace so that it can be draped and manipulated freely and generously, or cut into panels and godets and gores of the right shape. Then there has been a revival of interest in lace collars and cuffs. Very charming are the afternoon frocks of dark, rich velvet trimmed only with collars and cuffs of some sort of real lace of high quality.

With the prominent French dressmakers metallic lace seems to have held first place so far—though undoubtedly for Southern wear later this Winter and for Spring and Summer thread laces will come into their own. The sketch shows a very new frock of gold and steel lace, which demonstrates the way strips and medallions of lace may be used.

A shining example of the way style dance frock is here made of gold lace combined with steel lace.

ESQUIMALT W.I. REPORTS YEAR OF FINE ACHIEVEMENT

Women Are Invaluable in Community Betterment; Aided Worthy Causes

The very important place played in the community by the Women's Institute, is nowhere better demonstrated than in Esquimalt, where that energetic body, the Esquimalt Women's Institute, has achieved wonderful results in its chosen field of work.

At its annual meeting recently the secretary's report clearly outlined the status of the Institute in the municipality in the following words:

"The Institute has become a power in the community in so far that no scheme for improving local conditions would be attended without first of all getting the voice of, or assistance from the institute. As an instance the young men and boys of the district are trying to procure public playing grounds for all outside games. They have already approached and secured the assistance of the institute in this direction. An effort was also made to secure a domestic gas service for the district, but after investigation it was felt by the members that this would be too costly an undertaking and the matter was dropped."

FIRST AIDED SOLARIUM

The report continues:

This Institute had the honor of being the first subscribers to the Solarium fund having donated $50. $95 was raised to assist a needy family in the district; $5 membership fee was paid to the Asiatic Exclusion League; $5.70 per capita grant to Federated Women's Institute; $24 per capita grant to the Island's District Conference; $10 to assist a family on Valdez Island who were rendered homeless and destitute by fire; $2 towards expenses in connection with the B.C. Potato Show. No grant was received from the Department this year.

Home Economics Committee—Under this heading demonstrations were given by experts in the making of paper flowers, the making of salads and the canning of fruits and vegetables, etc.

INDUSTRIES AND IMMIGRATION

This Institute has always been a strong advocate of supporting local or surrounding industries where at all possible and of purchasing British Columbia or Canadian goods in preference to foreign articles, the members visited local plants during the year and what they saw and learned strengthened their faith in the local product.

Great interest has been shown this year by the members of the Institute on Legislation, new acts and amendments to existing acts being carefully studied. A paper was read on Legislation as it affected Women and Children in British Columbia and much interesting and valuable information was gained.

The very important question of immigration was a live topic at all meetings and more so as it affects the Oriental, a delegate was appointed to represent the Institute at the Oriental Exclusion League of which the Institute is now a member.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Other Institute activities included the joint entertainment by the Victoria and Esquimalt Institutes of delegates to the Federated and Provincial Conference of Women's Institutes which was held in Victoria last June.

Valuable assistance was rendered by the members at the Garden Party held in Victoria by the Local Council of Women in aid of the funds of that organization, also at the garden party held at the home of the president, Mrs. Booth, on Esquimalt Road, in aid of the T.B. Veterans.

The members also gave a helping hand with the sale of poppies last month and with the Tag Day collection held by the Local Council of Women in aid of the endowment of an operating table for children, the tag day held in aid of the T.B. Veterans the collection of funds in Esquimalt for the proposed solarium for cripple children.

AID MEMORIAL SCHEME

The Esquimalt War Memorial question has been given new impetus by this Institute, a new committee has now been formed composed of representatives from every organization in the district as well as interested citizens, and an effort will now be made to raise funds to erect a permanent memorial in the Esquimalt War Memorial Park.

As in previous years the Institute took part in the competition of Institute work held at the Provincial Exhibition in Victoria and although not as successful as last year, a very fine effort was made. It was the very closest competition ever held, with three Institutes competing, Victoria, Royal Oak and Esquimalt, there being only a difference of five points between the three competitors.

All these undertakings were carried to a successful issue by a membership of only 43. The funds necessary were raised from the following sources: By a masquerade and other dances, card parties, and a fancy fair and flower show.

DEFENDS BOBS—Msgr. Dubois, has come to the defence of new fashions for women. "The virtue of a woman has never depended on the length of her hair," he declares, adding that "religion is no enemy of fashion."

20,800 WOMEN'S CLAIMS FOR DOLE DOWRY DISALLOWED

Many Applicants For British Relief Not Bonafide Unemployed

London, Dec. 26.—Between October 1 and November 21, 20,802 women were unable to prove that they were genuinely seeking work, and as a result their claims for a continuance of the "dole" were disallowed.

The majority of the women were those who had married, continued in work for a short period, and then given up their employment to seek the dole, which they had regarded as a sort of "dowry."

Although the labor exchanges have offered them work of a kind of which they were considered capable, they have consistently refused to accept it.

BISHOP'S VIGOROUS DEFENCE OF YOUNG PEOPLE OF TO-DAY

Tells Diocesan Conference They Are "Swayed by Sticky Conservatism of Seniors"

London, Dec. 26.—The Bishop of Lichfield, Dr. J. A. Kempthorne, speaking at the Lichfield Diocesan Conference at Stoke-on-Trent, said that some people were always groaning and moaning about the degenerate character of the young people of the present day because they were fond of dancing, so thoughtless, so giddy, and so wholly given over to amusement.

"As if we had not been just the same sort of people at their age," said Dr. Kempthorne.

He added:

"I do not wonder that some of our young people do not care to go to church when everything is being swayed by the stupid, sticky conservatism of some of their seniors. We must show more initiative and more of the spirit of inventiveness if we are to attract the young people to the church."

GIVING GIRLS A CHANCE IS NOW HOBBY OF SON OF WORLD'S RICHEST WOMAN

By HORTENSE SAUNDERS

THE hobby of the only son of "the world's richest woman" is girls.

Col. E. H. R. Green, son of the late Hetty Green, is now father to eleven foster-daughters. Many more have been his foster-children, but they have grown up and married.

Col. Green and his wife love them all, and the multi-millionaire thinks more of them than he does of his dollars.

And he has pronounced ideas on the subject of rearing girls.

"Giving a girl everything she wants is the quickest way to spoil her," he says. "First teach her to study. Get something inside her head before you worry about the outside. Let her exercise her brain as well as her brawn. Make her independent so she doesn't fear poverty or rush into matrimony to avoid supporting herself, and you have done more for her than if you leave her a million dollars."

Thus the girls who live at the Green estate near New Bedford, Mass., where they have yachts, butlers, gorgeous swimming pools and miles of roses, also do typewriting at 15 cents a page for Uncle Ned.

"I tear it up afterwards," he confessed, "but it teaches them the value of money and the dignity of labor."

Col. Green's charities and benefactions are so famous, he gets hundreds of letters from girls who want to be adopted and who write glowingly of their qualificiations as daughters. But they make no impression unless they stress their desire for education.

NOT AN OLD MAID IN THE BUNCH

"The girls who make their home with me, with the exception of one little French war orphan, are all girls from my own state, Texas," he explained. "They are daughters of old friends, or old employees, whose misfortunes came to my notice, and who appealed to me as worthy of help. I have never set out to adopt girls. I'm not looking for them, as so many suppose. And what I am doing is merely educating them so they will be independent and can take care of themselves. I shall, of course, remember them all in my will, but their important inheritances they are getting now."

All the girls he has helped so far have married after their educations were completed. He has yet to produce an old maid in his collection.

Col. E. H. R. Green, who says "Every girl should marry before she is twenty-five".....

The last of his girls to marry was Mary Stafford, who became the bride of Bill Moore, son of Dinty Moore, the New York restaurateur.

"I believe every girl should marry before she is twenty-five," he said. "Up to that time a girl's mind is pliable enough so she can make the adjustments marriage calls for. After that she is apt to become set in her way.

"It's the first sweetheart that a girl needs be protected from. The puppy love stage is something of a disease. When a girl is going through it she needs attention just as she needs a dentist when she has toothache.

But it does no good to try to drive her, he has learned.

"The way to teach girls is by example," he went on. "That is why I always have girls of all ages in the house. They range now from Mary Frances, who is eleven to Dorothy, who is twenty-two.

"The older ones guide the young ones. My wife mothers the whole bunch. I have confidence in my older daughters. They have been with me long enough to know what I will stand and what I won't.

"Certainly we believe in lots of company. We like the boys around. That's why we have this large house here. But we want our girls to be the entertainers. We don't want them stealing away for clandestine dates."

FUTURE DOESN'T INTEREST HIM NOW

After they are fourteen, Col. Green's wards do their own shopping and buy their own clothes.

"That's part of their education," he explained. "When they buy the wrong coats, or too perishable millinery, they have to wear them. That teaches them to buy carefully. With an unlimited supply of money they could never develop real taste in clothes."

Here again Mrs. Green, the young and attractive wife of the colonel, helps out. She has excellent judgment and perfect taste, according to her husband.

In New Bedford, the inhabitants are immensely proud of Col. Green. He himself loves the traditions of this New England section that once glorified the whale before the Standard Oil Company put him out of business as an oil source and before

...."but it's the first sweetheart a girl must be protected from."

women discarded whaleboned bodices. He has a whaling ship, the Charles W. Morgan, stationed on his own estate, and he has a collection of old whaling implements and ship's paraphernalia that are on exhibition at his home.

Likewise he has a radio outfit of which the apparatus has cost something around a million, erected near a parking place so all of New Bedford can listen to concerts. But it is not likely that any of his foster-daughters will inherit this estate.

"I plan to leave it for an old folks' home where old couples can come together instead of being sent to separate homes," he said.

"But I'm not so interested in what becomes of the money when I am through with it as I am with the good I can do with it now," he concluded.

Raisins will stone more easily if slightly warmed, and candied peel should always be placed in the oven before being cut up.

Warm plates and dishes by pouring boiling water over them. There is not the chance of their cracking and becoming brown as when they are put in the oven.

Weak, cold tea will be found excellent for cleaning varnished paper. Apply with a clean flannel, and rub dry with a soft duster.

ENVOY'S WIFE—Mrs. Frederick C. Nano, wife of the secretary of the Rumanian legation at Washington, has returned after visiting her home. She is considered the most beautiful wife in the diplomatic corps.

Mr. Holiday's Christmas Revenge

By GOUVERNEUR MORRIS *Illustrated by BERT SALG*

He Had Millions and the Habit of Asking Personal Questions—And He Got All Mixed Up Trying to Direct Other People's Romance and Pay His Own Old Scores at the Same Time

MR. HOLIDAY stepped upon the rear platform of his car, The Mishawaka, exactly two seconds before the express, with a series of faint, well-oiled jolts, began to crawl forward and issue from the station. Mr. Holiday called the porter and told him for the good of his soul that fifty years ago traveling had not been the easy matter that it was to-day. This off his mind, he dismissed the porter by beginning to read. He still wore his overcoat and high silk hat. These he would not remove until time had proved that the temperature of his car was properly regulated.

He became restless after a while and hurried to the forward compartment of the Mishawaka to see if all his trunks had been put on. He counted them over several times, and each time he came to the black trunk he sniffed and wrinkled up his nose indignantly. The black trunk was filled with the most ridiculous and expensive rubbish that he had ever been called upon to purchase. When his married daughters and his wife had learned, by "prying," that he was going to New York on business, they had gathered about him with lists as long as his arms, and they had badgered him and pestered him until he had flown into a passion and snatched the lists and thrown them on the floor. But at that, the ladies had looked such indignant, heartbroken daggers at him that he had felt obliged to relent.

He now glared and sniffed at the black trunk, and called for the porter.

"Do you know what's in that trunk?" he said in a pettish indignant voice. "It's full of Christmas presents for my grandchildren. It's got crocodiles in it and lions and Billy Possums and music-boxes and dolls and yachts and steam-engines and spiders and monkeys and doll's furniture and China. It cost me seven hundred and forty-two dollars and nine cents to fill that trunk. Do you know where I wish it was?"

The porter did not know.

"I wish it was in Jericho!" said Mr. Holiday.

He fingered the brass knob of the door that led forward to the regular coaches, turned it presently, and closed it behind him.

His progress through the train resembled that of a mongoose turned loose in new quarters. Nothing escaped his prying scrutiny or love of petty information. If he came to a smoking compartment, he would thrust aside the curtain and peer in. If it contained not more than three persons, he would then enter, seat himself, and proceed to ask them personal questions. It was curious that people so seldom resented being questioned by Mr. Holiday; perhaps his evident sincerity in seeking information accounted for this; perhaps the fact that he was famous, and that nearly everybody in the country knew him by sight. Perhaps it is impossible for a little gentleman of eighty, very smartly dressed, with a carnation in his buttonhole, to be impertinent.

THE WEEPING GIRL

And then he took such immense and childish pleasure in the answers that he got, and sometimes wrote them down in his note-book, with comments, as:

"Got into conversation with a lady with a flat face. She gave me her age as forty-two. I should have said nearer sixty.

'Man of fifty tells me has had wart on nose for twenty-five years; has had it removed by electrolysis twice, but it persists. Tell him that I have never had a wart."

Etc., etc.

During his peregrinations he came to a closed door, which tempted him strangely. It was probably the door of a private state-room; it might be the door of a dust closet. To meditated, with his finger upon the knob. "I'll just open it slowly," he thought, "and if I make a mistake I'll say I thought it was a smoking compartment.'

As the door opened a smell of roses came in. Huddled into the seat that rides forward was a beautiful girl, very much disheveled and weeping bitterly. Her roses lay upon the seat opposite. She was so self-centred in her misery that she was not aware that the door har been opened, a head thrust in and withdrawn, and the door closed. But she was sure that a still, small voice had suddenly spoken in her mind, and said: "Brace up." Presently she stopped crying, as became one who had been made the subject of manifestation, and began to put her hair in order at the narrow mirror between the two windows. Meanwhile, though Mr. Holiday was making himself scarce, as the saying is, he was consumed with interest to know why the beautiful girl was weeping. And he meant to find out.

But in the meantime another case provoked his interest. A handsome woman of thirty-five occupied Section seven in car six. She was dressed in close-fitting black, with a touch of white at her throat and wrists.

Without any awkward preliminaries, Mr. Holiday bent over and said:

"I've been wondering, ma'am, if you are dressed in black for your father or your husband."

She looked up, recognized the famous eccentric, and smiled.

"I wear black," she said, when he had seated himself, "not because I am in mourning for anybody, but because it's becoming to me. You see, I have very light-colored hair."

"Does all that hair grow on your head?" Mr. Holiday asked, simply and without offense.

"Every bit of it," she ...

"I have a splendid head of hair, too," he commented. "But there's a young man in the car back of this who'll be twenty-two years of age in February, and he's got more dandruff than hair.

"What is your name?"

"I am Miss Hampton," she said, and she hoped that he might have heard of her. But he hadn't. And she explained herself. "I'm to play at the Euclid Theatre Christmas night."

"An actress?" he said.

"Well," she admitted, "some say so, and some won't hear of it."

"How much money do you earn?"

"Two hundred dollars a week."

Mr. Holiday wrote that in his note-book.

In the smoking compartment of the next car forward sat a very young man. He looked at once sulky and frightened. He wasn't smoking but was drumming on the window sill with his finger nails. He had a gardenia in his button-hole, and was dressed evidently in his very best suit—a handsome dark grey, over a malaga-grape-colored waistcoat. In his neck-tie was a diamond horse-shoe pin.

"Young man," said Mr. Holiday, seating himself, "what makes you look so cross?"

"Wouldn't you be cross," said the young man, "if you had to look forward to sitting up all night in a cold smoking compartment?"

FORLORN YOUNG MAN

"Can't you get a berth?"

"I had a drawing-room," said the young man, "but at the last minute I had to give it up to a lady."

Mr. Holiday's eyes twinkled with benign interest. He had connected the gardenia in the young man's coat with the roses of the girl who was weeping.

"I know," he said, "drawing-room, Car. 5. She was crying, but I told her to brace up, and I guess she's stopped."

The young man jumped to his feet.

Mr. Holiday chuckled.

"I was right," he said. "I've been right seven times out of the ten for twenty-five years. I've kept a record."

Upon an impulse the young man checked his headlong inclination to rush to the girl who was weeping.

"If you are right as often as that," he said, "tell me what to do."

"Certainly," said Mr. Holiday. "What's the matter?"

"She," said the young man, "came to the station to see me off. She gave me this." He touched the gardenia gently. "I gave her some roses. Just as the train started to pull out I dared her to come with me . . . she came!"

"Tut-tut!" said Mr. Holiday.

"What are we to do?" cried the young man.

"Go back and sit with her," said Mr. Holiday, "and leave the door wide open. I'm going through the train now to see who's on board, don't worry. Leave it all to me."

The last car forward before you came to the baggage-car and the express car was a common day coach. It was draughty. A dog must have passed an uncomfortable night in it.

Near the rear door sat a man in new derby hat and a new black coat. Further forward on the same side three children had stuffed themselves into one seat. The middle child, a well-grown girl of thirteen or fourteen, seemed by her superior height to shelter the little tots at her side. Only the blue imitation sailor caps of these appeared above the top of the seat; and the top of each cap, including that worn by the older girl, had a centrepiece of white about the size of a gentleman's visiting card. Mr. Holiday promised himself the pleasure of investigating these later. In the meanwhile his interest was excited by the ears of the man in the new derby. They were not large, but they had an appearance of sticking out further than was necessary; and Mr. Holiday was about to ask their owner the reason why, when he noticed for himself that it was because the owner's hair had been cut so very, very short.

"I should think you'd be afraid of catching cold in this draughty car with your hair cut so short," said Mr. Holiday.

"I am," said the man tersely.

"Why did you let them cut it so short then?"

"Let them!" grunted the man, with ineffable scorn. "Let them! You'd have let them!"

"I would not," retorted Mr. Holiday crisply. "My wife cuts my hair for me, just the way I tell her to."

The man turned a careworn, unhappy face.

"My wife used to cut mine," he said. "But then I—I got into the habit of having it done for me. Ever been to the penitentiary, mister? That's the finest tonsorial parlor—anything from a shave to the electric treatment."

"Penitentiary is a jail for felons," said Mr. Holiday severely.

"Quite so," said the man, "as I was telling you.

"When did you get out?" asked Mr. Holiday simply.

"Eight days ago," said the man, "and when I get good and sick of looking for jobs and getting turned down—I guess I'll go back."

EX-CONVICT IS FRANK

Mr. Holiday had extracted his notebook.

"What did you used to do for a living—before?" he asked.

"I was teller in a bank?"

"And what happened?"

"Then," said the man, "the missus had twins, followed by typroid fever."

.... Mr. Holiday .... began to draw her gently toward the young man and the clergyman

His admissions came with the hopeless frankness. "And I couldn't pay for all the luxury. So I stole."

"What bank were you a teller in?"

"The Freeport Bank. I'm going to them now to—to see if they won't let up. The wife says that's the thing to do—go right to the boil of trouble and prick it."

"I remember the Painsville business," said Mr. Holiday, "because I own stock in that bank. You only took about two hundred dollars."

"That was all I needed," said the man. "It saved the missus and the kids—so what's the odds?"

"But don't you intend to pay it back?"

"Not if the world won't let me earn any money. I tried for jobs all today, and yesterday, and the day before. I told my story straight. The missus said that was the thing to do. But I guess she's wrong for once. What would you do if you were a banker and I came to you and said: 'I'm just out of jail, where I went for stealing; but I mean to be honest. Won't you give me work?' "

Mr. Holiday wondered what he would do. He was beginning to like the ex-convict's frankness.

"Do you know who I am?" he asked.

"Everybody knows you by sight, Mr. Holiday."

"Then you know, said the little old gentleman, "that I've sent plenty of people to jail in my time—plenty of them."

"I've heard that said," said the man.

"But," said Mr. Holiday sharply, "nobody ever tells stories about the wrongdoers I have forgiven. Your case never came to me. I believe I would have shown mercy."

He closed his note-book and rose.

"Keep telling your story straight, my man, and asking for work."

He paused, as if waiting a reply; but the man only grunted, and he passed forward to the children. He examined the visiting-card effects on the tops of their hats, and noticed that these were paper labels sewed down, and bearing the names and destinations of the little passengers. Freddie, Alice and Euphemia Caldwell, reading, from left to right, were consigned to the care of the conductor and to Silas Caldwell, of Painsville.

Alice had her arms around Freddie and Euphemia, and her pretty head was bent first to one and then to the other. Mr. Holiday seated himself gently behind the trio, and listened for some time. He learned that "mother" was in the hospital, and "father" had to be with her, and that the children were going to "Uncle Silas" until sent for. And Uncle Silas was a very "grouchy" man, and one must mind one's P's, and Q's, and never be naughty, or Uncle Silas would have the law on them. But she, Alice, would take care of them.

"Going to spend Christmas with Uncle, are you?" piped Mr. Holiday suddenly; "that's right!"

The little tots, very much interested and startled, faced about, but Alice looked like a little reproving angel.

"Oh!" she said, climbing out of the seat, "I must speak with you first."

Mr. Holiday was actually surprised; but he went aside with the child, where the tots could not hear.

Absolutely without consciousness of doing so, Alice patted and rearranged the old gentleman's carnation, and talked to him in a gentle, reproving tone.

"I've done everything I could," she said, "to keep the idea of Christmas away from them. They didn't know when it came until you spoke. But now they know, and I don't know what I shall do . . . our uncle," she explained, "doesn't celebrate Christmas; he made father understand that before he agreed to take us until mother got well. So father and I agreed we'd keep putting Christmas off until mother got well. But now they'll want their Christmas—and I can't give it to them."

"Don't you fret, Alice," said Mr. Holiday. "When I get people in trouble I get 'em out. Your Uncle Silas is a friend of mine—he has to be. I'm not much on Christmas myself," he said, "but an obligation's an obligation." He shook hands with her, nodded in a friendly way to the ex-convict, and passed out of the car on his return journey, consulting his note-book as he went.

THE HATED JOLYFF

Then he started to revisit Miss Hampton, but was turned from his purpose by a new face in the car. The new face rose, thin and white, on a long thin neck from a clerical collar, and its owner was busy with a pad and pencil.

"Writing a sermon?" asked Mr. Holiday.

"No, sir," he said, "I'm doing a sum in addition, and making heavy work of it."

"I'll do it for you," said Mr. Holiday eagerly. The clergyman, still smiling, yielded up the pad.

"I'm trying to make it come to two thousand dollars " he said, "and I can't."

"That's because," said Mr. Holiday, returning the pad after one swift glance up and down the columns, "it only comes to thirteen hundred and twenty-five dollars. You had the answer correct."

"It's for repairs to the church," said the clergyman. "The contractor calls for two thousand; and I'm just about ready to give up."

"Well," said Mr. Holiday, "I'm going to get my dinner now, and maybe later I can give you some idea how to raise the balance. I've raised a good deal of money in my time." He chuckled.

"I know that, Mr. Holiday," said the clergyman, "and I should be glad of any suggestion that you might care to make."

Mr. Holiday seated himself facing Miss Hampton. She smiled, and nodded, and laid aside the book she had been reading. Mr. Holiday's eyes twinkled.

"I'm going to turn you out of this section," he said.

"Now, really!" said Miss Hampton.

"You're going to carry your duds to the drawing room, Car 5," he said. Then he told her about the young people who had eloped without exactly meaning to. Miss Hampton was delighted.

She and Mr. Holiday hurried to the drawing-room in Car 5, of which the door had been left wide open, according to Mr. Holiday's orders. The young people looked very happy and unhappy all at once, and as soon as Mr. Holiday had begun to state their situation to them without mincing, they assumed a tremendous pair of blushes which they were not able to efface for a long time.

"And now," he finished, glaring at the uncomfortable young man, "you bring your duds and put them in Miss Hampton's section. And then you gather up Miss Hampton's duds and bring 'em in here." And he turned and shook his finger at the girl. "Mind you," he said, "don't you ever run away again without a chaperon. They don't grow on every bush."

Somehow, Mr. Holiday had overlooked the other drawing-room (B) in Car 5. Now he came suddenly upon it, and peered in. But he drew back with a sharp jerk as if he had seen a rattlesnake. All the kindness went out of the old gentleman's face, and between anger and hatred he turned white.

"Jolyff!" he muttered. And, all the elasticity gone from his gait, he stumbled back to his own car, revolving and muttering unchristian thoughts. For he and Jolyff had been meeting all their lives, it seemed in court and out; sometimes with the right on one side, sometimes on the other. Each had cost the other a thousand wicked threats and a mint of money.

Mr. Holiday's wandering through the train had aroused all the kindlier feelings in his nature. But now he did not care about pleasant things any more. He could think of nothing but Jolyff; of nothing but old cores that rankled; of great deals that had gone wrong, through his enemy. And in that spirit he picked at his Christmas Eve dinner, and went to bed.

It seemed to Mr. Holiday every time he woke, which was often, that the train had just started to move, after standing still for a long time.

Two o'clock. He got to wondering at exactly what hour all those hundreds of years ago Christ had been born. Had it been as cold as this in the old barn?

SNOWED IN FOR CHRISTMAS

No, Bethlehem was in the semi-tropics or thereabout, but the common car in which the three children were passing the night was not. This thought came to Mr. Holiday without invitation, and, like all unwelcome guests, made a long stay. So persistent, indeed, was the thought, meeting his mind at every turn and dogging its footsteps, that he forgot all about Jolyff and all about everything else. Finally he rang for the porter, but had no answer. He rang again and again. Then the train jolted slowly to a standstill, and Mr. Holiday got up and dressed, and went forward once more through the narrow aisles of thick curtains to the common car. But the passengers in that car had amalgamated. Alice and the ex-convict blue with cold, were in the same seat, and Alice was hugging Freddie, who slept pitifully, to her breast, and the ex-convict was hugging Euphemia, who cried gently and softly like a cold and hungry kitten, to his. The ex-convict had taken off his overcoat and wrapped it as well as he could about the children.

Mr. Holiday tapped the ex-convict on the shoulder.

"Bring these babies back to my car," said Mr. Holiday, "and help me put 'em to bed."

"That's a good deed, Mr. Holiday," said the man. He started to put on his overcoat. The undressing and putting to bed had not waked Freddie. Euphemia had stopped crying. And Alice, when the two men had helped her with her dress, which buttoned down the back, had suddenly flung her arms first around one and then around the other, and given each a kiss to-night.

The ex-convict buttoned his coat and turned up his collar.

"Good-night, sir," he said, "and thank you."

Mr. Holiday waved the thanks aside and pointed to a door of shining mahogany.

"There's a bed for you, too," he said gently.

The ex-convict hesitated.

Then—it may have been owing to the sudden starting of the train—he lurched against the door, and with a sound that was mighty like a sob thrust it open and slammed it shut behind him.

Mr. Holiday smiled and went back to his own bed. This time he slept soundly.

At seven o'clock the porter called him according to orders. The train was standing still.

"Merry Christmas," said Mr. Holiday. "Why are we stopping?"

"We's snowed in, grinned the porter.

"Snowed in!" exclaimed Mr. Holiday. "Where?"

"'Tween Albany and Buffalo, sah. Don sight any same tracks."

That he would be separated from his wife on Christmas Day for the first time in their married life did not amuse Mr. Holiday, and although too much of the grandchildren and great-grandchildren bored him to distraction, still he felt that any festive day on which they were not all with him was a festive day gone very wrong indeed. But it was not as a sop to his own feelings of disappointment that he decided to celebrate Christmas in the train. It was a mixture of good nature, and, I am afraid, of malice. He said to himself:

"I shall invite all the passengers to one o'clock dinner and a Christmas tree afterward with games and punch. I shall invite the conductor and brakesman; the porters shall come to serve dinner. I shall invite the engineer and the fireman and the expressman. I shall invite everybody except Joyiff."

First Mr. Holiday had summoned Miss Hampton and the girl who had run away to be his aides-de-camp. They decided that the party was really for the benefit of Freddie, Alice and Euphemia, so these were packed off at once to the common car to be as far as possible from the scene of preparations. There were hurried consultations as to what would be a suitable gift for a given person. The train hands were to receive money, and suddenly Mr. Holiday discovered that he had only a few dollars with him. He sought out the clergyman.

"Have you," said Mr. Holiday, "any of your rebuilding fund with you?"

"Why, yes," said the clergyman, smiling, "some two hundred dollars, and I cannot deny that it is agony to me to carry about so large a sum."

"I will give you a check for that sum," said Mr. Holiday, "and something over for your fund. I hope you will dine with me, in my car, at one o'clock."

He hurried away with the two hundred dollars and sought out the young man who had been run away with. With this attractive person he talked very earnestly for half an hour, and asked him an infinite number of questions; just the kind of questions that he had asked the young man who had aspired to the hands of his own daughters. And these must have been satisfactorily answered, because at the end of the interview Mr. Holiday patted the young man on the back and said that he would see him later.

She was so-self-centered in her misery that she was not aware that the door had been opened . . .

Next he came face to face with Mr. Jolyff, and the two old gentlemen stared at each other coldly, but without any sign of recognition. Once—ever so many years ago—they had been intimate friends. Mr. Holiday had never had any other friend of whom he had been so fond. He tried now to recall what their first difference had been, and because he could not, he thought he must be growing infirm. And he began to think of his approaching party with less pleasure. He had let himself in for a good deal of bother, he thought.

THE MISSING GUEST

But this time Miss Hampton told him what a dear he was, and what a good time everybody was going to have, and that she would do anything in the world for him; she would even recite "The Night Before Christmas" for his company, if he asked her. And then they did a great deal of whispering, and finally Mr. Holiday said.

"But suppose they balk?"

"Nonsense," said Miss Hampton; "would you and I balk if we were in their places?"

The pretty actress and the old gentleman laughed and bowed to each other, and exchanged the most arch looks imaginable. And then Miss Hampton exclaimed:

"Good heavens—it's twelve-thirty."

Mr. Holiday himself went to fetch the children. In his pockets were the envelopes containing money for the train hands, the envelope containing a check for the two hundred dollars that he had borrowed from the clergyman, and enough over to complete the rebuilding fund which the clergyman had tried so hard to collect. And there was an envelope for the ex-convict—not with money in it, but with an I.O.U.

"I.O.U. a Good Job," Mr. Holiday had written on a card and signed his name. And he had taken out of his satchel a pair of wonderful black pearls that he sometimes wore at important dinners. And he was going to give one of these to Miss Hampton and one to the girl who had run away. And then there were all the wonderful toys and things for Alice, and Freddie, and Euphemia, and he was going to present them with the black trunk, too, so that they could take their gifts off the train when it eventually got to Painsville. And Mr. Holiday had thought of everybody, and had prepared a little speech to speak to his guests, and for two of his guests he had arranged one of the greatest surprises that can be sprung on two guests; and he ought to have been perfectly happy. But he wasn't.

Then he passed the door of Mr. Jolyff's drawing room and he noted that it was tightly closed. And it ought to have pleased him to see how his enemy had taken his exclusion from the party to heart. But, although he smiled cynically, he wasn't altogether pleased. And presently he made a wry mouth, as if he were taking something unpleasant; and he began to hustle Freddie and Eupremia so as to get away from that closed door as quickly as possible.

The girl who had run away was talking with Mr. Holiday when suddenly she began to grow conscious and uncomfortable. She gave one swift look about her, and saw that all the passengers, and all the train hands, and porters, and the expressman were looking at her and smiling, and she saw that they had ranged themselves against the sides of the car, and were making themselves as small as possible. Then she saw the young man looking at her with a wonderful, nervous, radiant look. And then she saw that the clergyman was standing all by himself, in a space that the crowd had just managed to leave open for him, and that he had on his surplice, and that he was marking a place in his prayer book with one finger. Then she understood.

Instinctively she caught Mr. Holiday's arm and clung to it, and Mr. Holiday, smiling, patted her head and began to draw her gently toward the young man and the clergyman.

And then suddenly, just when the clergyman was about to begin, just when Miss Hampton had succeeded in righting herself from smothering a sob, Mr. Holiday, whose face, had you but noticed it, had been growing longer and longer, and drearier and drearier, gave a half-strangled cry.

Wholly oblivious to everything and everybody but what was in his mind at the moment, he dropped the bride's hand as if it had been a red-hot horseshoe and started to bolt from the car. But strangely enough, the old face that had grown so long and dreary was now wreathed in smiles, and he was heard to mutter as he went:

"Just a minute, while I get Jolyff!"

Mr. Jolyff and Mr. Holiday lifted their glasses. And Mr. Holiday said, so that all could hear:

"I drink to my old friends and to my new friends. And I drink to the lesson Christmas. For Christmas," said he, and he smiled in a wonderful way, "teaches us that in all the world there is absolutely nothing that we cannot forgive. . . . "

The two very old gentlemen clinked their glasses together, and looking each other affectionately in the eyes, might have been heard to mutter, somewhat brokenly, each the other's Christian name.

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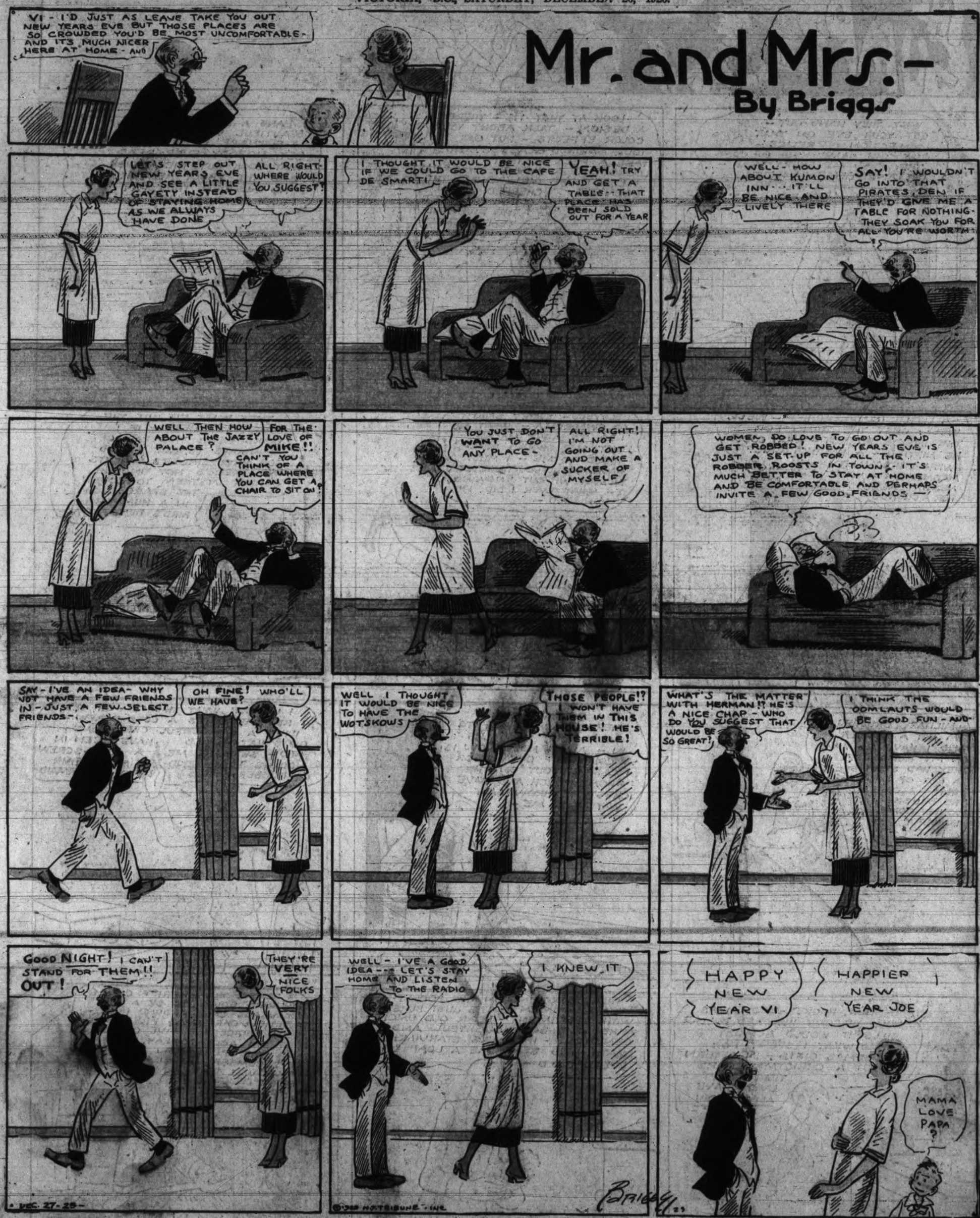

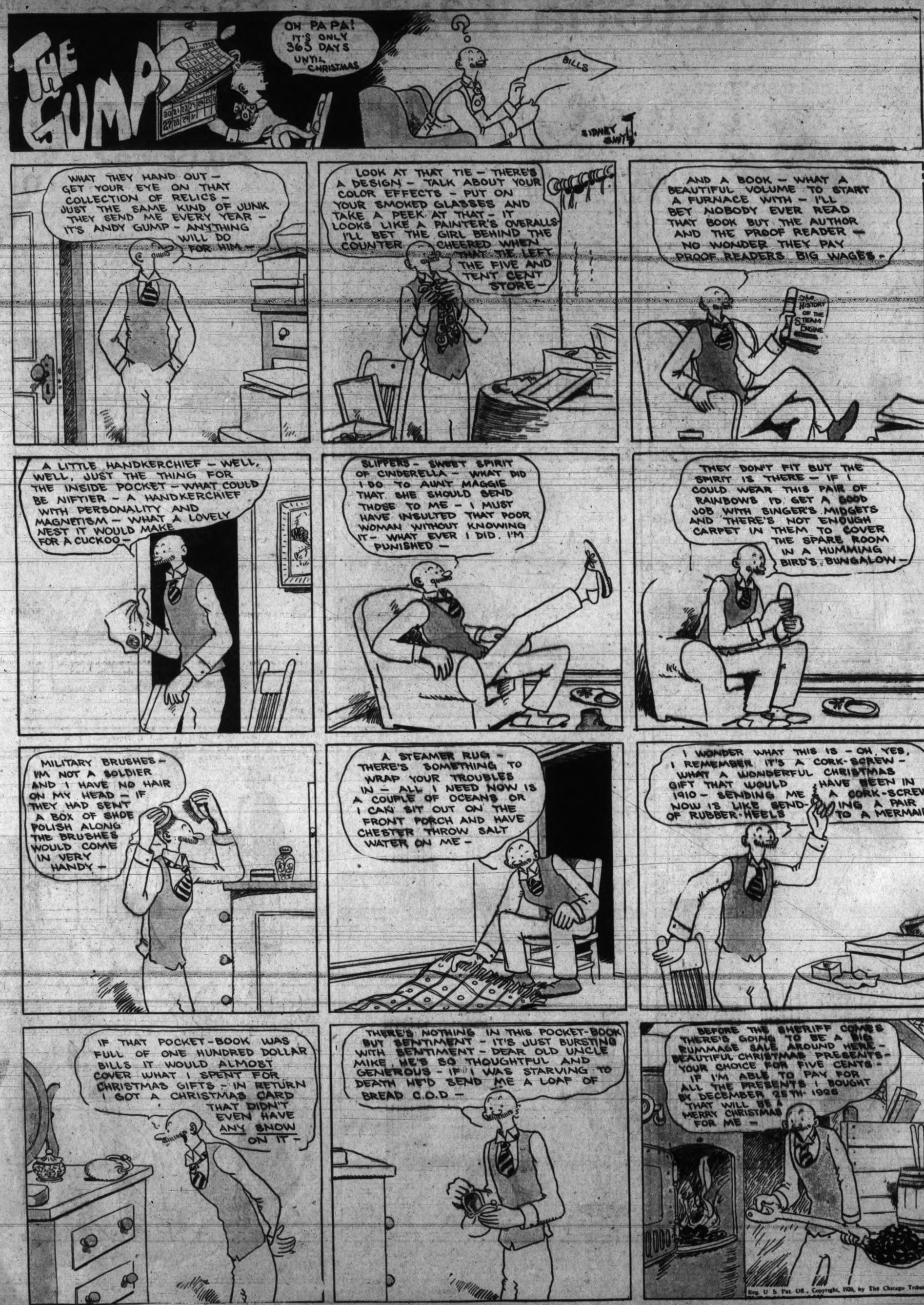
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WHAT THEY HAND OUT — GET YOUR EYE ON THAT COLLECTION OF RELICS — JUST THE SAME KIND OF JUNK THEY SEND ME EVERY YEAR — IT'S ANDY GUMP — ANYTHING WILL DO FOR HIM —
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THEY DON'T FIT BUT THE SPIRIT IS THERE — IF I COULD WEAR THIS PAIR OF RAINBOWS I'D GET A GOOD JOB WITH SINGER'S MIDGETS AND THERE'S NOT ENOUGH CARPET IN THEM TO COVER THE SPARE ROOM IN A HUMMING BIRD'S BUNGALOW —
MILITARY BRUSHES — I'M NOT A SOLDIER AND I HAVE NO HAIR ON MY HEAD — IF THEY HAD SENT A BOX OF SHOE POLISH ALONG THE BRUSHES WOULD COME IN VERY HANDY —
A STEAMER RUG — THERE'S SOMETHING TO WRAP YOUR TROUBLES IN — ALL I NEED NOW IS A COUPLE OF OCEANS OR I CAN SIT OUT ON THE FRONT PORCH AND HAVE CHESTER THROW SALT WATER ON ME —
I WONDER WHAT THIS IS — OH, YES, I REMEMBER, IT'S A CORK-SCREW — WHAT A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS GIFT THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN IN 1910 — SENDING ME A CORK-SCREW NOW IS LIKE SENDING A PAIR OF RUBBER-HEELS TO A MERMAID —
IF THAT POCKET-BOOK WAS FULL OF ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR BILLS IT WOULD ALMOST COVER WHAT I SPENT FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS — IN RETURN I GOT A CHRISTMAS CARD THAT DIDN'T EVEN HAVE ANY SNOW ON IT —
THERE'S NOTHING IN THIS POCKET-BOOK BUT SENTIMENT — IT'S JUST BURSTING WITH SENTIMENT — DEAR OLD UNCLE MIKE, HE'S SO THOUGHTFUL AND GENEROUS — IF I WAS STARVING TO DEATH HE'D SEND ME A LOAF OF BREAD C.O.D —
BEFORE THE SHERIFF COMES THERE'S GOING TO BE A BIG RUMMAGE SALE AROUND HERE — BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS PRESENTS — YOUR CHOICE FOR FIVE CENTS — IF I'M ABLE TO PAY FOR ALL THE PRESENTS I BOUGHT BY DECEMBER 25TH 1926 THAT WILL BE A MERRY CHRISTMAS FOR ME —
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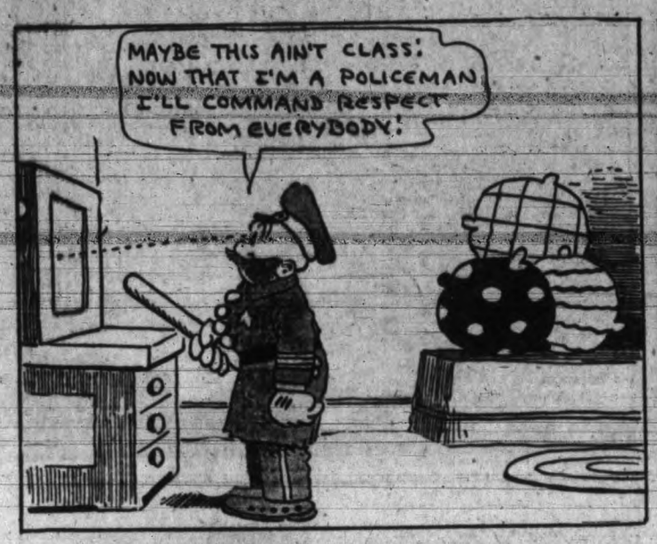

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